

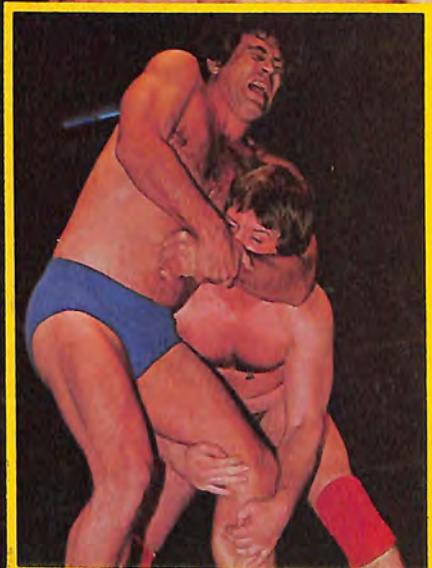


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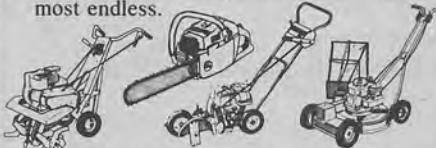
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Peter
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Editor-in-Chief

Here is the lesson of the day: Never, never give up on your fellow man. Just when you feel a man's soul is beyond redemption, he may do something to make you realize all men can be saved. Case in point: Terry Gordy.

Over the past few months, I've had a lot of critical things to say about Gordy. His wrestling style was brutal; outside of the ring, he was just as mean and nasty. After he broke up his Freebird tag team with partner Michael Hayes, Gordy went on a rampage, crippling many wrestlers while all the time swearing to destroy Hayes.

Now, believe it or not, Hayes and Gordy are friends again. And, even better, both are wrestling scientifically.

"I remember thinking that Mike was a pansy for changing his ways," Gordy said. "But he always was the brains of our outfit. I'm a little thick-headed. It takes me a lot longer to realize what the right thing is. But I always come around."

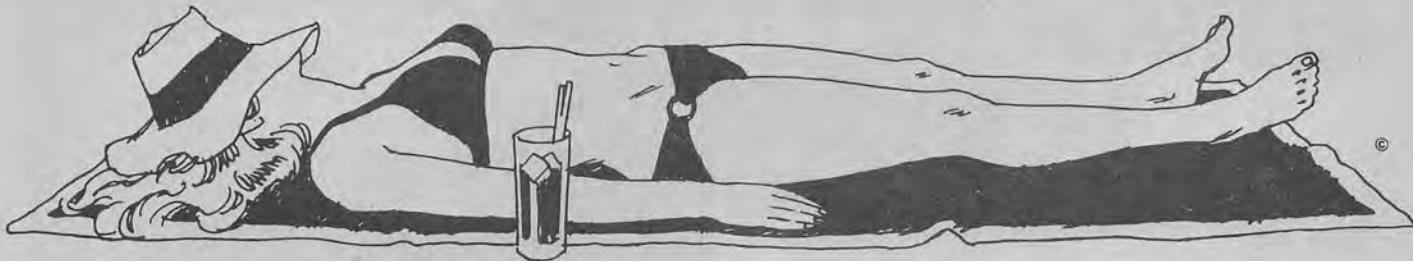
The two resumed their friendship during a card in Alabama. Hayes was sneak-attacked by the Kiwi Shepherders while Gordy watched from the dressing room.

"I had the radio on," Gordy recalls, "and they were playing Lynyrd Skynyrd's 'Free Bird.' A coincidence? Maybe. But suddenly, I realized that Mike is my friend, my brother. I remembered all the good times we had together. Man, I just had to get out there and help him."

At first, Hayes thought Gordy was joining the sneak-attack. In fact, Hayes even decked Gordy with a hard right. But a few days later, after a TV appearance by Gordy, Hayes realized his old friend was sincere.

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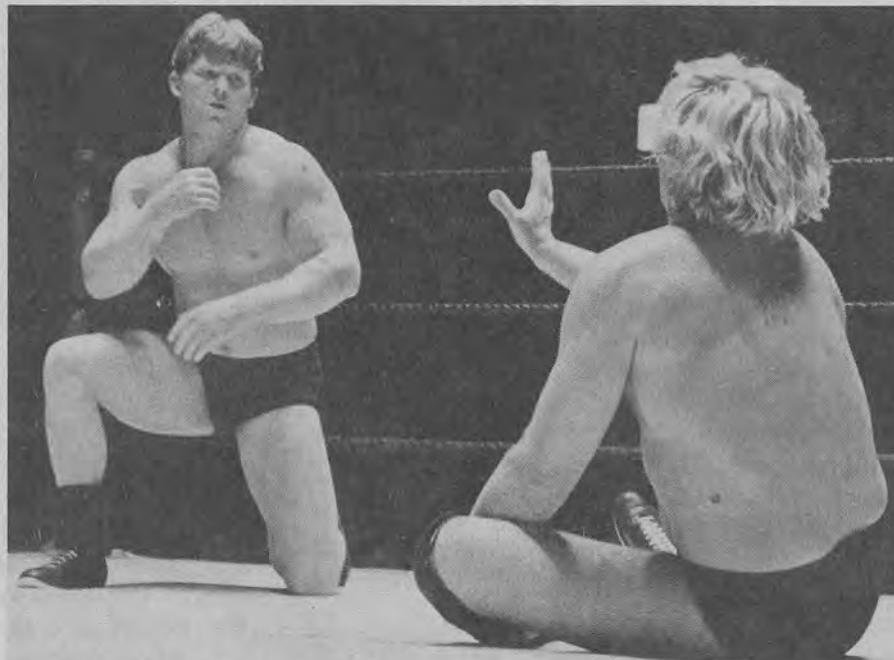
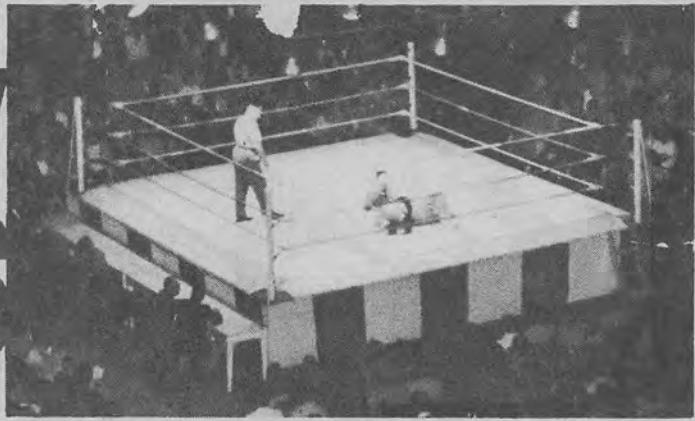
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the WWF's butt. But the WWF would kick the AWA's butt...and do more damage than that.

JUSTIN DOMENICUCCI
Bronx, NY

KEVIN WHO?

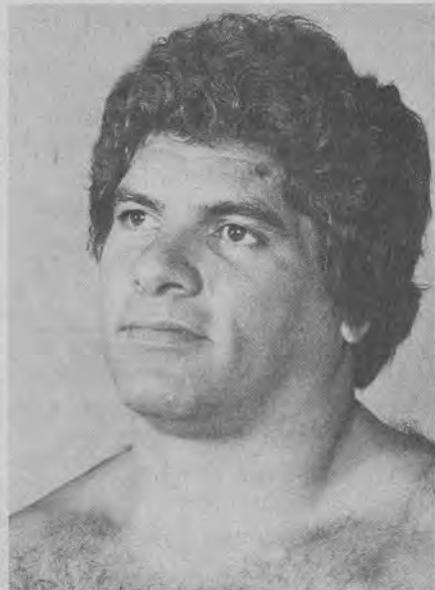
Why do all of the reporters in the wrestling world act like Kevin Von Erich is dead? He does just as much as some of the other wrestlers, and he doesn't even get any credit! At least he's not like his brother David; he doesn't turn on people. What would you reporters rather do, lose a wrestling fan or give a little credit where credit is due?

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THE DRIVE FROM Washington, D.C., to New York City is not particularly long—only about five hours—but it can be tedious. The tape deck helps a lot, and company in the car can sometimes make the trip go quickly. Not this time, however. My traveling companion was Adrian Adonis, and the tension in the air made five hours seem as long as 15.

I had been at ringside while Adonis wrestled in the Capital Centre. He had wrestled alone,

Longtime partner Jesse Ventura was in Japan somewhere, and Adonis had only learned of that fact a few days earlier, having read of Ventura's departure in Editor-in-Chief Peter King's column in our sister publication, *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*.

Having seen Adonis wrestle dozens of times, it was obvious to me that his attitude in the ring in Washington was far below par. His usual aggressiveness wasn't there, his moves were sloppy, and his timing was completely off.

I wasn't about to tell him any of that, however, so the miles passed in silence, except for the music of Squeeze piping through my speakers. I tried to concentrate on the lyrics of the songs rather than the moodiness of the man sitting next to me. I was failing miserably. I had to say something.

"Look, I'm sure he feels as . . ." I was cut off in mid-sentence.

"What the hell do you know about it?" Adonis snapped back. "What do you know about friendship and betrayal? Damn! I

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Most people thought the combination of Jesse Ventura and Adrian Adonis would last forever. Adrian Adonis surely did.

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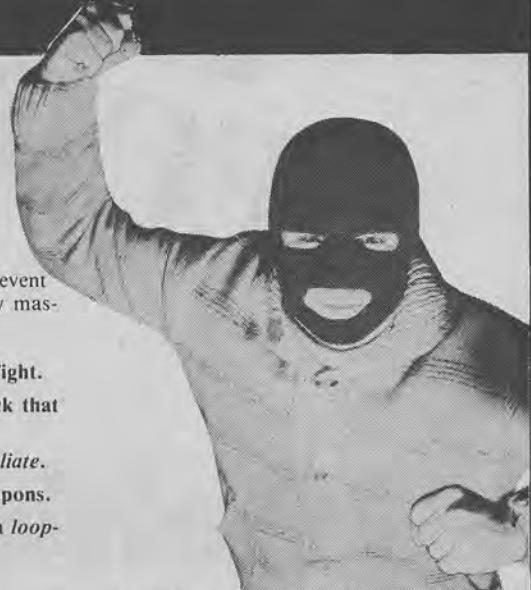
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Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu
Saks

IT WAS A pleasant day for Bubba Douglas. The most pleasant day he can remember having in a long, long time. The grudge match was over and he had taken his lumps. A nurse wiped the blood away from his left knee and splashed some iodine into the open wound. Douglas' grimace quickly turned into a smile. "Ya know," he said, "sometimes the repairs are worse than the actual injuries."

Douglas was not a winner that day, but in this particular case the wounds of defeat are easily repaired. This loss would have no effect on his ranking in the NWA ratings. Actually, the fact that he had competed moved him higher in a far more important ranking. Bubba Douglas had climbed a notch in the eyes of the public and in his own self-image.

Bubba was not alone in defeat. Terry Allen, Brian Blair, Mr. Wrestling II, Sweet Brown Sugar, Butch Reed, Jerry Brisco, Jerry Lawler, Mike Graham, Jack Brisco, El Gran Apollo, Johnny Gray, Jim Garvin, Tommy Young, Reggie Parks, and Dusty Rhodes were all in the losers' dressing room. None of them looked or carried on like losers.

"Hey Bubba," Dusty Rhodes called across the room. "You could save yourself some blood if you learn how to slide. When they say slide, they mean slide. They don't mean do a kneedrop on third base!"

The room filled with laughter. "Ya know, Dream," Bubba replied. "I think I'll stick to wrestling—it's safer!"

The Florida wrestling wars were one day behind and one

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Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

THE STENCH SPEWING from WWF arenas comes from the title matches of Bob Backlund. It seems even this cynical coward is beginning to learn he can't fool all the people all the time.

The king of the long counts has finally gone too far. I have received hundreds of letters that begin, "I like scientific wrestlers but Bob Backlund makes me mad." Even the simple fans can see that Backlund holds his title by having special referees (his friends or paid lackeys) officiate during his matches. If Backlund is in danger of being pinned, the referees refuse to count to three. If Backlund has his opponents' shoulders on the canvas, one hears three within an instant. These matches are disgraces.

More and more, Backlund's incompetence and cheating tactics are becoming apparent. The fans are getting sick of this ridiculous and exploitive situation. They come to see an athletic contest and watch a coward being helped by his confederate. Two against one isn't sport.



Do you think "special referee" Ivan Putski is just going to stand there while his buddy Bob Backlund falls victim to Adrian Adonis' sleeperhold? No. Backlund is more protected than the gold at Fort Knox.

But then again, Backlund isn't interested in sport. All he cares about is keeping his title. Some men wouldn't want a title that they didn't earn. Backlund isn't among those men.

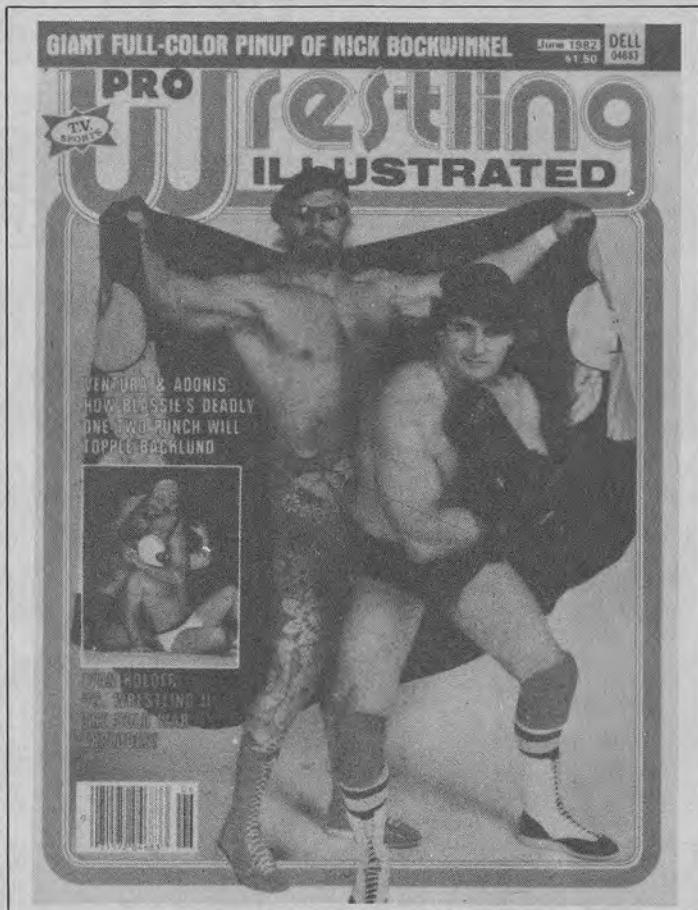
As more and more fans are realizing, there is no honor in the WWF championship. Backlund has dragged this title through the mud, smearing its good name with his cheating, his bribery and cowardice. He is a disgrace

to the WWF, the sport, and humanity.

At the same time, we must realize Backlund couldn't do this alone. First, he had to have the aid and approval of the WWF officials. This group of reprehensible bureaucrats likes Backlund because he toadies to their every whim. He can be controlled. Like Bruno Sammartino before him, Backlund does what the officials command.

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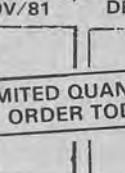
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BY RICH COUNTIS

SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Hulk Hogan is out for blood, though this time it's *not* the blood of AWA heavyweight champion Nick Bockwinkel. Hogan wants a match with Sylvester Stallone!

"That wimp wouldn't stand a chance in the ring with me in a



Sylvester Stallone fearfully eyes the 6'9" Hulk Hogan during the filming of "Rocky III." Hogan would like to test Stallone in an actual match.

legitimate wrestling match," Hogan declared. "I had to follow the script for *Rocky III*, and a lot of the wrestling scenes were choreographed so that the cameramen would know when and where to aim their cameras.

"But now that the filming is over and the movie is out,"

Hogan continued, "I feel I owe it to Stallone to teach him a thing or two about wrestling. I'm angry with that man. He cut my part in the movie down to a lot less than what I thought it would be. It doesn't make sense! If he wants a hit movie, why does he cut out even one frame of film that has the fabulous molten mountain of lust in it? The more of me in the film, the more women who will come to see the film, and see it twice, three times, four times, and more.

"Now that Stallone has made three *Rocky* movies," Hogan said, "he thinks he's a hotshot boxer. He was trained for those movies by pro boxers, and he has some kind of crazy idea that he can hold his own in the ring.

"Well, everybody knows that in a boxer vs. wrestler match, the boxer hasn't got a snowball's chance in hell of walking out of the ring under his own power," Hogan declared. "But if Stallone thinks he's such a great boxer, if he thinks he's such a strong man in the ring, then why doesn't he try and prove it without the benefit of a script?

"Sure, with a script that says he has to win there's no doubt that Stallone will look good," continued Hogan. "But I'm talking about the truth, people. I'm talking about the raw competition of one man facing another man in the ring with no escape.

"Stallone is a creampuff," Hogan said with contempt, "and I resent the fact that he uses movies to make himself look so good when in truth he's really a nothing. The only reason he cut my part down is because he's afraid of the competition on the screen, he's afraid of being overlooked in the pages of *People* magazine for Thunderlips Hogan. He's afraid of losing all of his women admirers to the one man who truly deserves all that admiration: Hulk Hogan. I want to prove that in the ring.

"Of course," said Hogan in conclusion, "the fact that Stallone is such a wimp is no reason not to go see *Rocky III*. After all, the 10 or 15 minutes that I'm in the movie is worth the price of admission alone."

"The Insider" attempted to reach Stallone for comment, but as of press time he was unavailable.

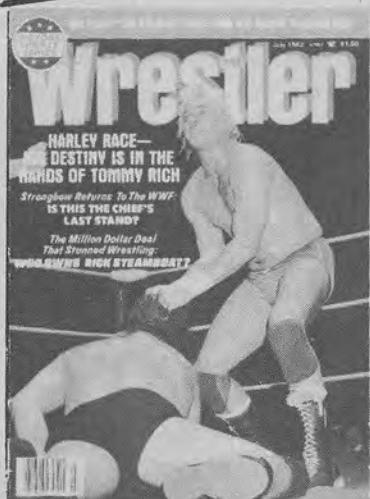
RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Both Tommy Rich and Rick Steamboat will soon be leaving wrestling.

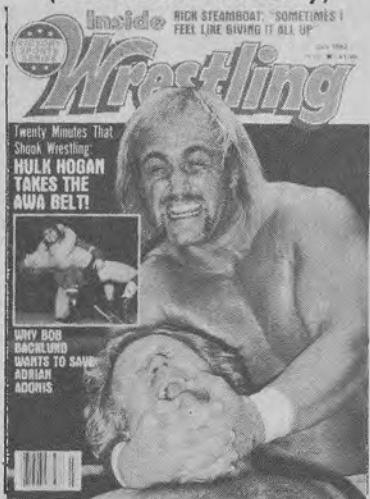
FACT: Though both men have recently been examining themselves and their respective careers, no clear decisions have been made as of yet. To the best of our knowledge, though they harbor certain doubts about the sport that they are so involved in, neither Rich nor Steamboat will be leaving the sport presently, or in the near future.

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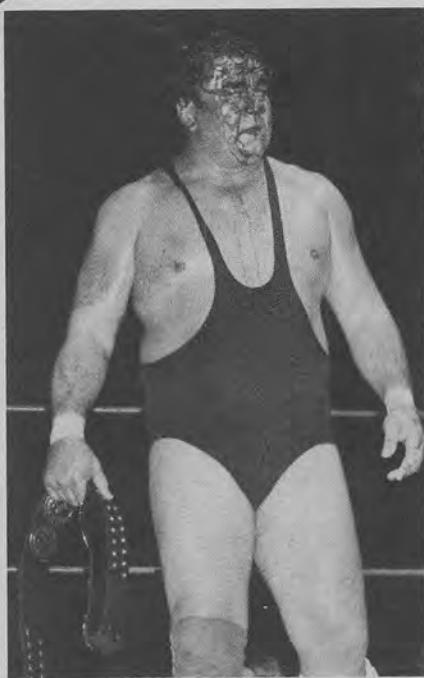
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WAHOO McDANIEL

Wahoo McDaniel is the new United States heavyweight champion! The popular Indian was victorious over the hated **Sgt. Slaughter** in what Richmond, Virginia fans call one of the most brutal battles they have ever witnessed. Sources close to Slaughter say the Sergeant feels he was the victim of a conspiracy between Wahoo and the entire NWA organization. All Slaughter would say to the press, however, was, "They stole the belt from me!" To exact revenge, Slaughter has activated his "army," consisting of **Pvt. Nelson**, **Pvt. Kernodle**, and now veteran **Gene Kiniski**.

Mil Mascaras is hot! After battling former friend **Manny Fernandez** and being fouled repeatedly, the masked man has demanded a Mexican Death Match, where *anything* is legal. Now he can show Manny that brutal tactics can be part of his



MANNY FERNANDEZ



COWBOY BOB ORTON

repertoire as well . . . The WWF is trying to ban the "superplex" used by **Bob Orton Jr.**, claiming its effects are too devastating. Orton's manager, **The Grand Wizard**, says "If they [the WWF] succeed, I'll take the matter to the Supreme Court of this country!"

Al Costello is managing the "new" **Fabulous Kangaroos**, consisting of **Don Kent** and **John**

Heffernan . . . **Jerry Brisco** has been named vice president of *Georgia Championship Wrestling* . . . NWA champion **Ric Flair** has paid **James J. Dillon** \$20,000 to eliminate all of Florida's top contenders before Flair returns to the state. Dillon is using Japanese martial arts expert **Kendo Nagasaki** as his chief weapon. If Dillon can't do Flair's bidding, he must return the dough to the champion.

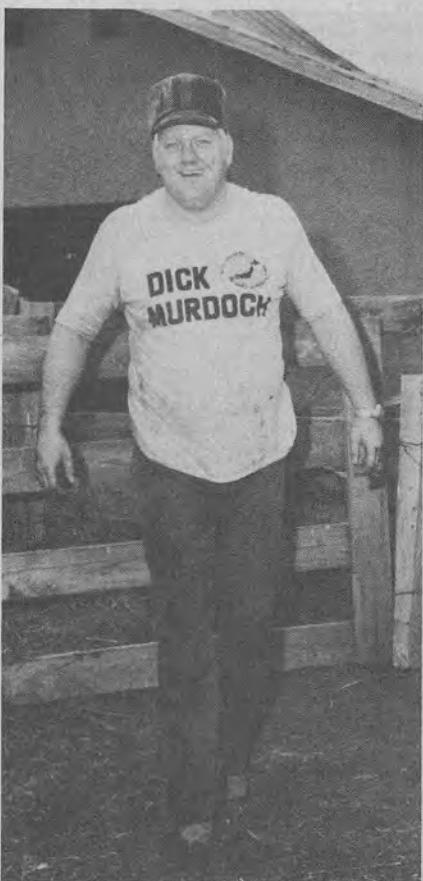
Tommy and **Eddie Gilbert** are wrestling in Puerto Rico . . . The NWA tag team tournament is "a joke" to **Michael Hayes**. "Since I have reunited with **Terry Gordy**, it is ridiculous to think that a tournament of this magnitude would not include **The Freebirds!**" Gordy and Hayes, of course, reunited long after the start of the tournament.



EDDIE & TOMMY GILBERT

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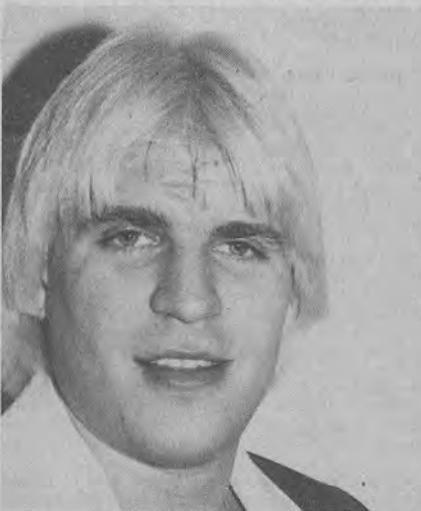
DICK MURDOCH

Rookie **Mike Rotondo** is now grappling in the Mid-Atlantic region. Mike considers this a tremendous plus to his career. "It's an area of real championship quality," says the former Syracuse University standout. "I feel I could learn a great deal here." . . . **Dick Murdoch** has picked young **Terry Allen** as his partner for several Florida matches . . . **Ernie Ladd** is teaming with **Paul Orndorff** in Louisiana. They are busy trying to land a match against hated rivals **Bob Roop** and **Crusher Broomfield** . . . Veteran **Ben Justice** is wrestling in Michigan.

The **Jim Valiant/Ivan Koloff** war has turned into one of the longest running feuds in the

Carolina area's history . . . **Jim Garvin** calls **Mr. Wrestling II**, the man from whom he won the Florida title, "one of the greatest wrestlers ever." That's really surprising coming from the "new" hated Jim Garvin. But he adds, "It shows how great I am that I can beat someone like him with mere ease. I didn't even break a sweat during our match."

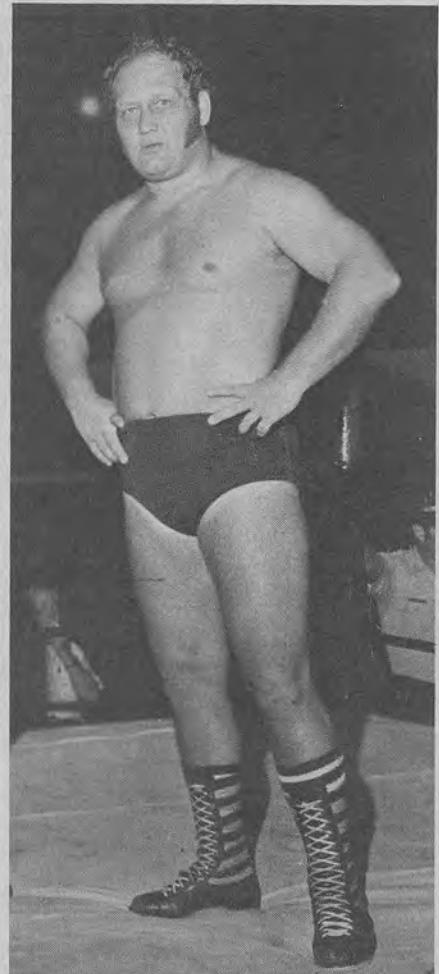
After injuring the arm of **Tommy Rich**, **Roddy Piper** is a worried man. Georgia officials



TOMMY RICH



RODDY PIPER



GENE ANDERSON

have given their approval for Tommy to wear the biggest cast he can fit on his arm the next time he wrestles Piper. Tommy is ecstatic, but Roddy is trying to avoid any contact with Tommy while the arm is in the cast.

Gene Anderson has come back to the mat wars after being sidelined with a long line of injuries. Says Anderson, "I won't be wrestling too much. I just want to make sure that no one forgets that I am the master and there is no one greater."

That's all for now. See you at the matches!

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, *WRESTLING* magazine changed its name to *BOXING & WRESTLING*. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whizzer Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tender, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whizzer Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Archie Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Chynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Vianni, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griff, Kid McCoy vs. Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Ekins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Chynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, "Boardwalk" Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lause, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Tiger Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlanne a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Bears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Jim Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Hefland, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Timers, Prince Malvia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe

Wrestling—Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell

Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Chynski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip

Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

DECEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters
Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters \$25

JANUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of the Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time, Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header, Harry Greb beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, 'Knockout Brown' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings
Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom \$35

JANUARY 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Boxing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings
Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Foul Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpenter Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk
Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldi, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When

Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers—Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpenter? Sellout in the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month \$25

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WRESTLING REVUE

WRESTLING REVUE (1959-1964) is thought to be the finest series of wrestling magazines ever published. These beautiful editions (all edited and published by Stanley Weston) set a standard by which all of today's wrestling magazines are judged. The magnificent back issues in this ad, many of which contain spectacular full-color inserts, have been unavailable to the public for more than 10 years. Supplies of these collector's treasures are very limited.

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BOXING ILLUSTRATED- WRESTLING NEWS



In November 1958 Stanley Weston launched BOXING ILLUSTRATED-WRESTLING NEWS, which established an entirely new concept in the field of boxing and wrestling magazines. They consisted of about 65 percent boxing and 35 percent wrestling in content of the finest writing and photographs ever published. Most of the very rare issues listed below have not been offered for sale in almost 20 years, and they are among the most highly prized Collector's Issues of all time.

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TV BOXING



To meet the public's growing hunger for up-to-the-minute information generated by regular boxing matches shown on the new television medium, Stanley Weston created a new magazine in 1953 to meet the demands. TV BOXING was unique in every way, and while its life's span was less than two years, it established itself as a milestone in the field of boxing magazines. The extremely rare issues listed below have not been offered for sale since 1954.

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1953 BOXING ANNUAL



This cherished collector's issue consisted of 100 pages of seemingly endless photographs, statistics and complete records of the leading fighters of the day: Marciano, Robinson, Gavilan, DeMarco, Carter, Saddler, Moore. The list goes on and on. And well over 100 great pictures, some in a glowing red tint. We guarantee that this fabulous 1953 Boxing Annual will turn back the clock and make you feel like you are living in those times, thrilling to the unforgettable performances of some of the greatest fighters who ever lived. This was the first Boxing Annual ever published, and to this day it still retains its title: The Best of All Time—The Champion of Champions! \$50

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Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

HOUSTON, TX: It's amazing what kinds of dark emotions can lie in the depths of even the most innocent-looking wrestlers. Take Tommy Rich for instance. Here is a man with good reason to drink in the adrenaline and take it out on another guy: specifically, Gino Hernandez. Texas Death Match inside a locked cage. Brutal stuff, but not brutal enough as far as Rich is concerned. Wildfire is out for absolute revenge because Gino ambushed him and very possibly cost him the AWA title in Wildfire's one opportunity



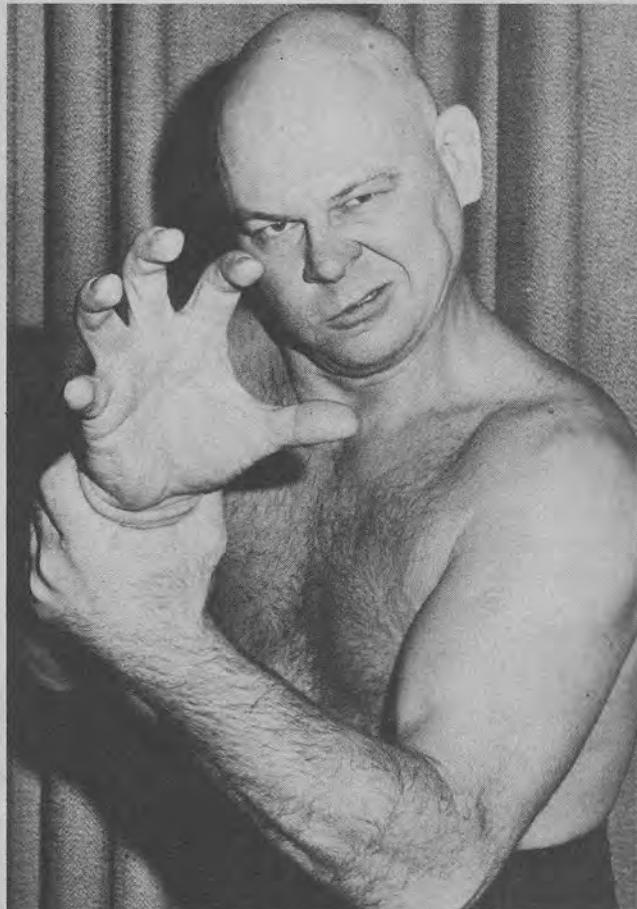
RICH VS. HERNANDEZ

against Nick Bockwinkel. Imagine that—Rich didn't care for Hernandez's interference and wants to give the guy a taste of his own medicine. If I were Rich, I'd take the whole damn cage and ram it down Gino's throat. But then I'm not Rich—and he's not as good-natured and mellow as I am. I feel sorry for Gino.

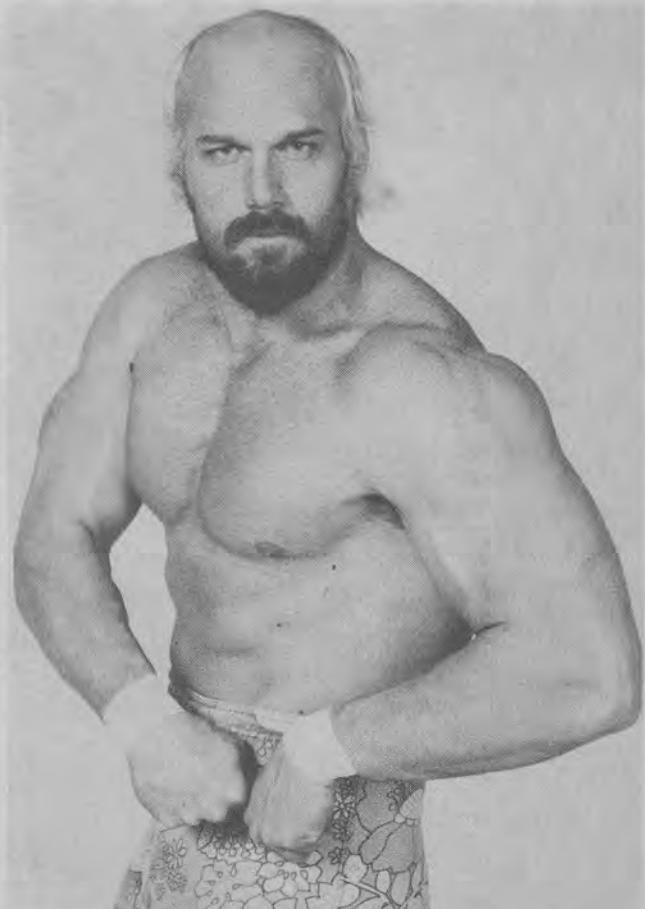
TAMPA, FL: Can you believe how much trouble Ric Flair has been having with Hacksaw Butch Reed? I mean, come on, Flair, this is getting ridiculous. Why can't you just accept the fact that Reed pinned you on television, be grateful that you didn't lose the title to him, and let it go at that? But no, you've got to prove yourself to him, you've got to try and convince the guy that he never should have been able to pin you in the first place. Is it worthy of a champion to get himself so involved with a guy who was lucky to get a match with you in the first place? Probably not. But then again, you aren't the champion you were when you first won the belt are you? Think about it.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: The master of the German brain claw continues to extract pain—and occasionally blood—from his opponents. The latest man to fall to Von Raschke is Bobby Duncum, except Von Raschke was not pleased with the way the victory came about. Duncum smashed Von Raschke into the steel ringpost and the referee disqualified him. The Baron wasn't cut, and he was just getting ready to finish off Duncum with the claw. Von Raschke said after the match that he was not badly hurt by the ringpost incident, and he felt he was cheated out of a proper victory. I agree. Smashing someone's head into a ringpost isn't pretty, but it isn't uncommon, either. This is obviously a case of poor officiating on the part of the referee, and the AWA should look at this incident more closely.

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor



BARON VON RASCHKE



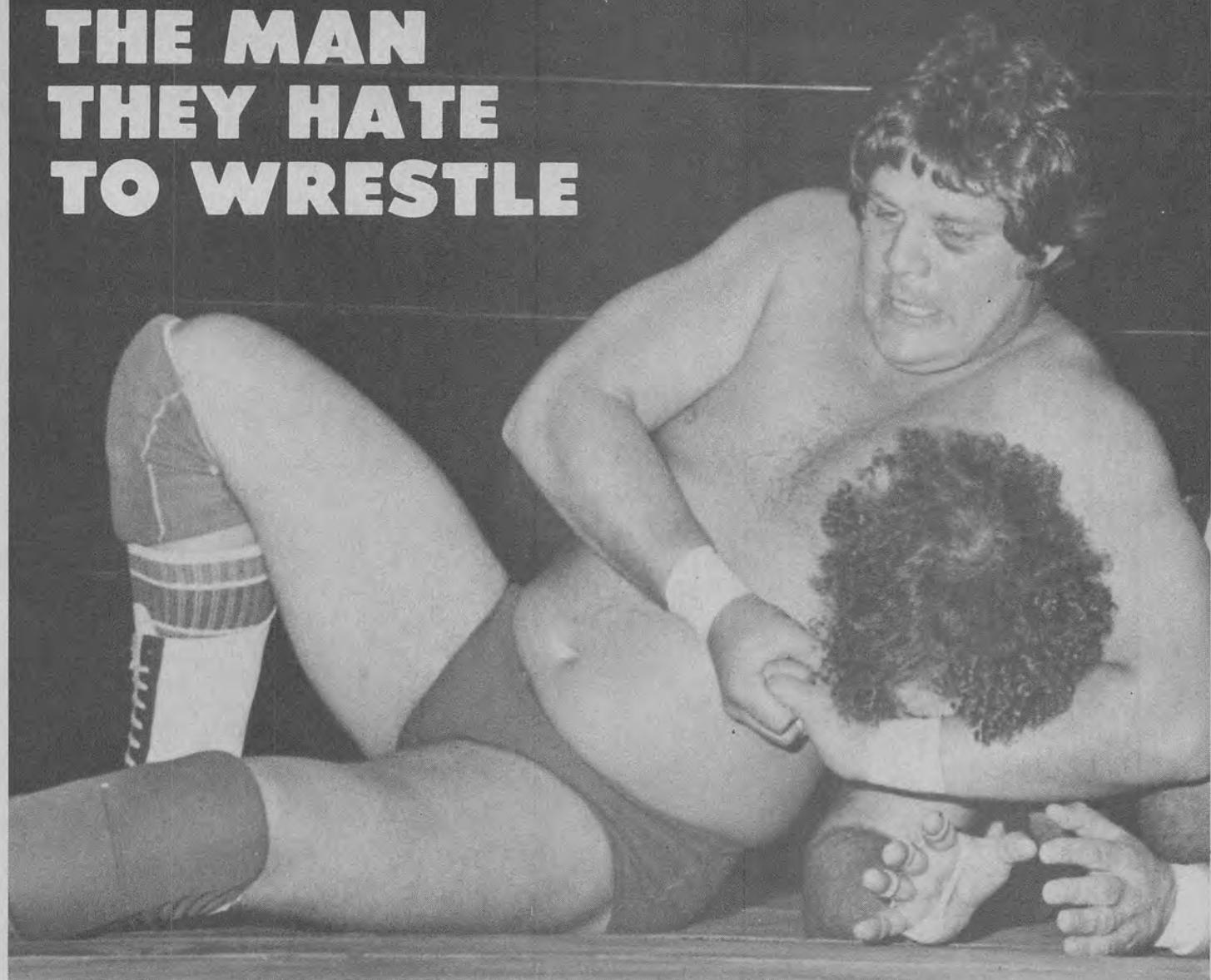
JESSE VENTURA

NEW YORK, NY: The news is all over the place. King talked to Ventura in *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* (September 1982), Peters talked to Adonis and there's an article about that on page 10, and now I guess I should put my two cents worth in. You want to know the truth? I'll tell you the truth: I'm happier than a pig in slop that Ventura is the hell out of the country. I never really liked him. Another waste of talent. Yeah, he had talent, but what he did with it was another thing all together. Sure, he and Adonis were AWA tag team champs, but in the WWF they couldn't even muster enough moxie to make a viable challenge to Fuji and Saito. Atlas walked all over Ventura and Adonis got destroyed by Morales. Now that Ventura is gone, maybe Adonis will do some thinking and make

something out of himself. It would be a shame if he wasted his career just when he has the chance to put it back together.

KNOXVILLE, TN: Decided to stop down and see the Fair. It's not New York in '64, but it's not a complete waste of time, either. Knoxville used to be a great wrestling town, and I was hoping that they would put together some cards to make sure that I could write this whole trip off on my expense account. No such luck. The days I was there, the wrestlers were on tour somewhere else. Talked over some old times while looking at that big gold tower they have down here, whatever the hell they call it. In New York they called the centerpiece the Unisphere, but this isn't New York and it isn't '64 anymore. Too bad. It was one hell of a year. □

Unpredictable Dick Slater: THE MAN THEY HATE TO WRESTLE



HIS OPPONENTS NEVER know what's going to come next.

Tonight he could be wrestling with pure scientific precision, confounding his opponent with a dazzling array of armlocks, double-leglocks, and front headlocks.

Tomorrow night he could undergo a complete reversal in style, displaying tactics that could effectively be a rule-breaker's textbook.

The night after that, it could be a combination of both rule-breaking and scientific styles



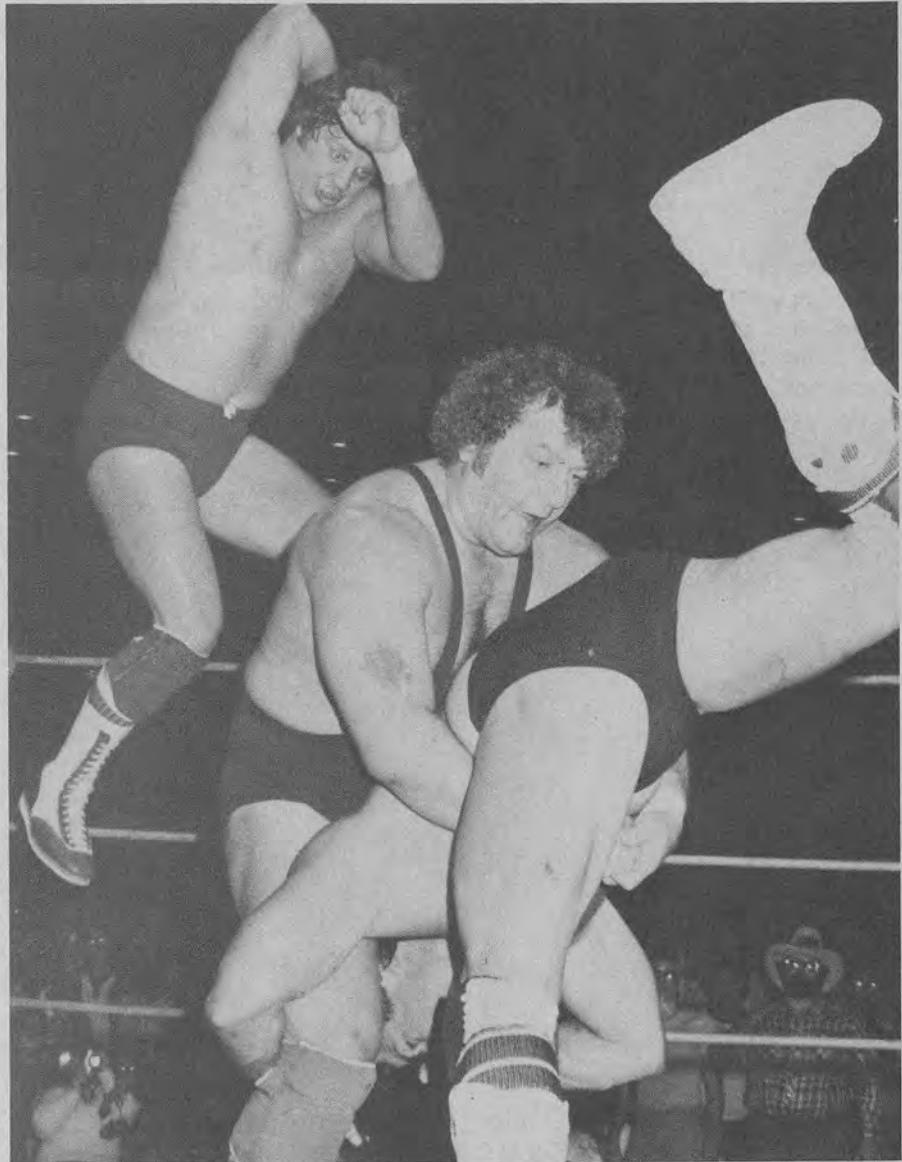
that his opponent has to try and defeat.

Whatever the occasion, Dick Slater seems to have a unique style. He could wrestle seven straight days and never show the same style twice, and on the eighth day come up with something completely different. He has truly earned the title of the "Unpredictable" Dick Slater.

"I try to mix it up a lot, my styles that is," Slater explained. "It's the best way to keep my opponents off-guard. They never know what to expect, so they can never come up with any kind of a

Slater holds Bob Sweetan in place with a side headlock along the mat.

He has no set style. He could be wrestling clean one day and dirty the next, and his opponents can't muster any defense whatsoever. He is the Unpredictable Dick Slater. The only predictable thing about him is his devotion to friends such as Scott Casey, Bruiser Bob Sweetan and Crazy Duggan learned that the hard way



defense against my style, simply because I have no single style to defend against!"

There is no consistency in Slater's style, and his versatility in the ring makes him a fan favorite throughout Texas and almost everywhere else he wrestles.

There is, however, some consistency in his attitude towards wrestling. If a friend of his is injured, you can be sure that the man who did the deed will have to spend a good part of his time looking over his shoulder.

Slater leaps from the turnbuckles, freeing partner Scott Casey from Sweetan's attempted piledriver. Slater's behavior is not very hard to predict when he feels a friend of his has been wronged.

"Scott Casey is a close friend of mine," said Slater. "He's a good wrestler and a good man out of the ring. Well, his neck was broken by Bruiser Bob Sweetan and that damn piledriver of his. You know, for a

time there was a petition going around among the fans here in Texas to ban Sweetan and his piledriver from the ring. I guess it never got accepted by the officials, though I would have liked to see him kicked out of



The action spills from the ring where Slater plays usher and finds Sweetan a chair (above). Dick drives Sweetan hard to the ground with a running powerslam (below left). Using Crazy Duggan as a guinea pig, Slater demonstrates to Sweetan just how devastating a piledriver can be (below right).



the area.

"Anyway, Sweetan's pile-driver did its number on Scott's neck," Slater continued, "and I just felt that with a good friend like that out of action, somebody else had to step in and pay back some of that brutality. A little bit of an eye for an eye, if you catch my meaning."

"I went on television with a warning to Sweetan," said Slater. "He knew I was gunning

for him, and he was damn scared, you better believe that. When Dick Slater talks, people listen, and if they don't, they usually find themselves with a lot of sore muscles and cracked ribs, asking themselves why they didn't listen in the first place!"

Slater smiled. He knows that his reputation in Texas is stronger than it's ever been, and getting stronger every day.

When Sweetan finally ran up

against Slater in the ring, he knew he had a match on his hands. Slater offered no quarter, and revenge burned in his eyes as he pummeled and slammed vengeance into Sweetan's hefty frame.

Not content to teach Sweetan a lesson in a one-on-one match, Slater paired up with his friend Casey after his neck healed. Sweetan's partner was Crazy Duggan.

Again, the match was a wild melee with Slater and Casey absolutely starved for revenge. Their ruthless attack was unrelenting as they quickly gained an upper hand and continued to maintain it for the balance of the contest.

"I always enjoy wrestling with Scott," Slater said later, "and I'm very happy to see that his neck is better and that he's wrestling again. I have to admit, though, that I was keeping an eye on him. I didn't want him to strain his neck any, and I saw that Duggan and Sweetan were aiming to hurt Scott's neck all over again."

"But I was really surprised," Slater continued, "Scott looked very good in the ring. I would have said that he might have had a slightly pulled muscle, but not that he had just come through an injury like he really had. It's really amazing what kind of recuperative powers he has. I'm proud of him."

"Of course, I put my two cents worth in during that match myself," said Slater. "I felt good after that contest was over, I felt like I had really accomplished what I had hoped to accomplish going into the ring against those two maniacs. And you know, with my unpredictable style there wasn't anything Sweetan or Duggan could do to stop me."

Slater paused thoughtfully and smiled.

"Of course," he concluded, "there never is." □

CURRENTLY WRESTLING IN the states of Florida and Texas ("The fans in these states are fabulous") . . . Occasionally teams with Junkyard Dog for tag team competition ("The Dog is one of the most skilled partners I've ever had") . . . Played professional football for many years, including stints with the Denver Broncos and the New York Jets ("I played for the Jets in the first football game ever in Shea Stadium; I was a linebacker, and a damn good one at that") . . . Has had some heated battles with Greg Valentine ("I truly despise that man. He stands for everything that is horrible and potentially damaging about wrestlers and wrestling") . . . Is credited with helping to teach Ric Flair much of what he knows today ("Flair is a fine wrestler and a fine champion") . . . Is a full-blooded Choctaw Indian ("I am very proud of my native American



Spoiler writhes on the mat as Wahoo McDaniel increases the pressure on his ankle. Despite his veteran status, Wahoo has not lost any speed and plans to stay in the sport for many more years.

heritage") . . . Is cheered by fans everywhere he wrestles ("The fans have been very good to me over the years, and I appreciate it very much") . . . Is also a very good golfer ("I won a celebrity golf tournament once, playing in the same tournament with then-Vice President Gerald Ford") . . . A superb athlete who maintains a near perfect wrestling physique ("I have training exercises that I try to do every single day") . . . Is currently after Jim Garvin's

Florida title ("I'm very confident that I will be wearing the belt before long") . . . At one time held the American heavyweight championship ("I defeated that horrible Professor Toru Tanaka for the belt") . . . His favorite move in the ring is his own brand of tomahawk chop ("It is an extremely effective weapon against any kind of an opponent") . . . His career continues to be as strong and exciting as ever ("I hope to be able to wrestle for many years to come"). □

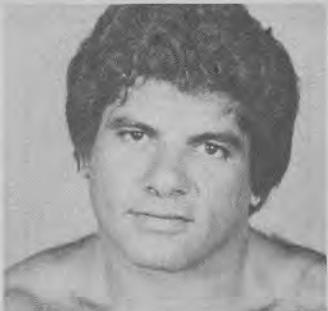
CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



WAHOO McDANIEL

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



MAGNIFICENT MURACO

Following a short sabbatical in his native Hawaii, Don "Magnificent" Muraco has returned to the ring and is wrestling in the Carolinas. To everyone's surprise, Muraco is wrestling rulebreakers, and the change in personality has not been pleasant for his opponents.

RON BASS

"Outlaw" Ron Bass has begun wrestling in Memphis after his Georgia National title reign was ended by Tommy Rich. Bass does not contemplate returning to Georgia in the near future, but still maintains that he has "an unfinished score to settle" in the area.



BLACKJACK MULLIGAN JR.

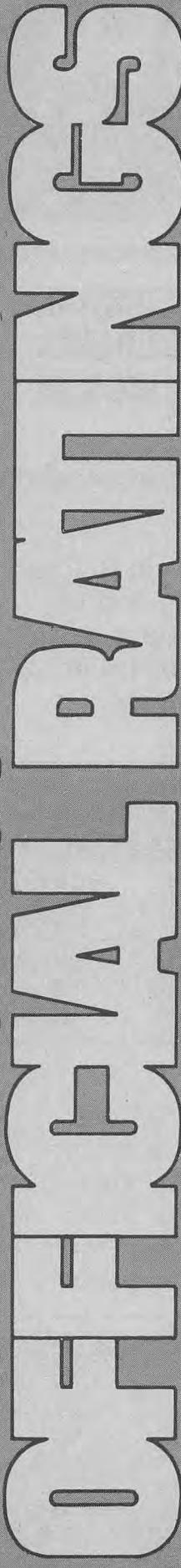
While his father rampages through WWF arenas, Blackjack Mulligan Jr. has made the move to Florida, exciting mat fans there with his enthusiastic style. Mulligan Jr. states that he is simply looking for some fresh competition, but inside sources report that the Florida title is part of the reason for his move to the state.

MASKED SUPERSTAR

Recently returning from a lengthy tour of Japan, Masked Superstar has arrived in the Mid-Atlantic and Georgia areas only to discover that former tag team partner Super Destroyer has teamed with Big John Studd. A bitter confrontation between these former partners appears inevitable.

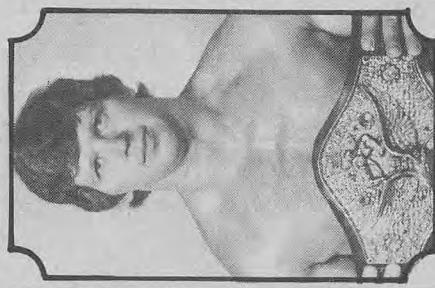


INSIDE WRESTLING'S TOP FIVE



These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters, And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

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Champion:
BOB BACKLUND

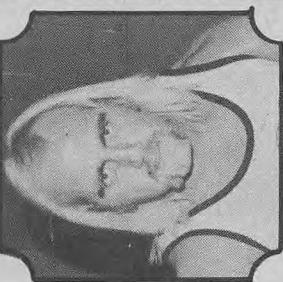


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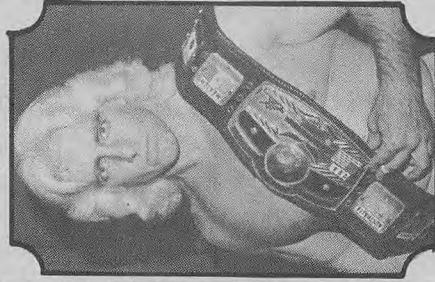


Champion:
NICK BOCKWINKEL



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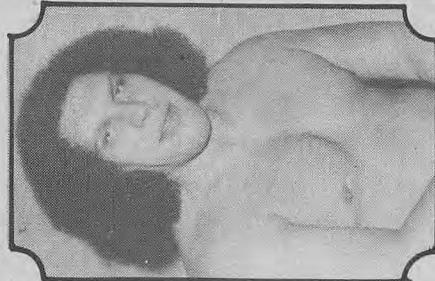


Champion:
RIC FLAIR



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Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



1—RODDY PIPER

Most Hated Wrestlers



2—RIC FLAIR

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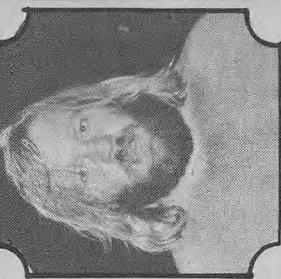
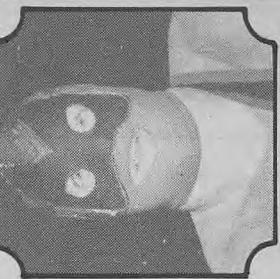


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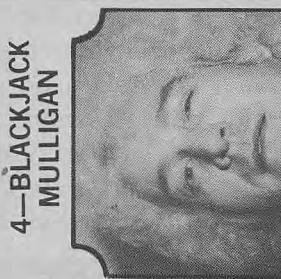
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& JOHN STUDD



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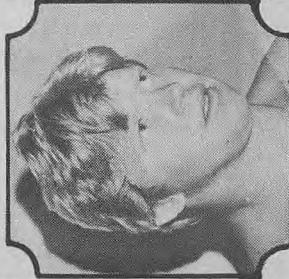


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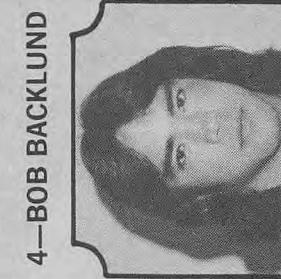
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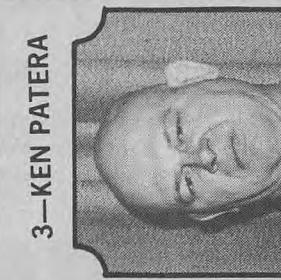
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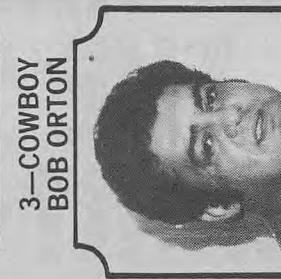
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5—PVT. NELSON &
PVT. KERNODEL
6—JULES & JAY
YOUNGBLOOD
7—THE SAMOANS &
OLE ANDERSON
8—STAN HANSEN &
GINO HERNANDEZ
9—TULLY BLANCHARD
& GINO HERNANDEZ
10—ROGER KIRBY &
JERRY BROWN

6—JIMMY SNUKA
7—KENDO NAGASAKI
8—DAVID VON ERICH
9—HARLEY RACE
10—JAMES J. DILLON
MULLIGAN JR.

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KAISIE
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9—JIM BRUNZELL
10—BRAD RHEINGANS

5—GREG VALENTINE
6—ADRIAN ADONIS
7—CHIEF JAY
STRONGBOW
8—TONY ATLAS
9—IVAN PUTSKI
10—PAT PATTERSON

Tony Atlas Conquers Jesse Ventura

AS JESSE VENTURA entered the Madison Square Garden ring and ran through a series of bodybuilding poses, 20,000 fans voiced their severe disapproval.

When Tony Atlas entered that same ring, prepared to end the long-running rivalry between the two muscular wrestlers, the same 20,000 fans offered a thunderous ovation.

The feud between these two

men has been one of the most interesting and unique battles ever to grip the WWF. Rather than being a contest for a particular title, the battle between these two men has been for the approval of the fans . . . and it has taken on many fascinating characteristics.

Months ago, when Ventura first entered the WWF, he would punctuate his ring arrival with a

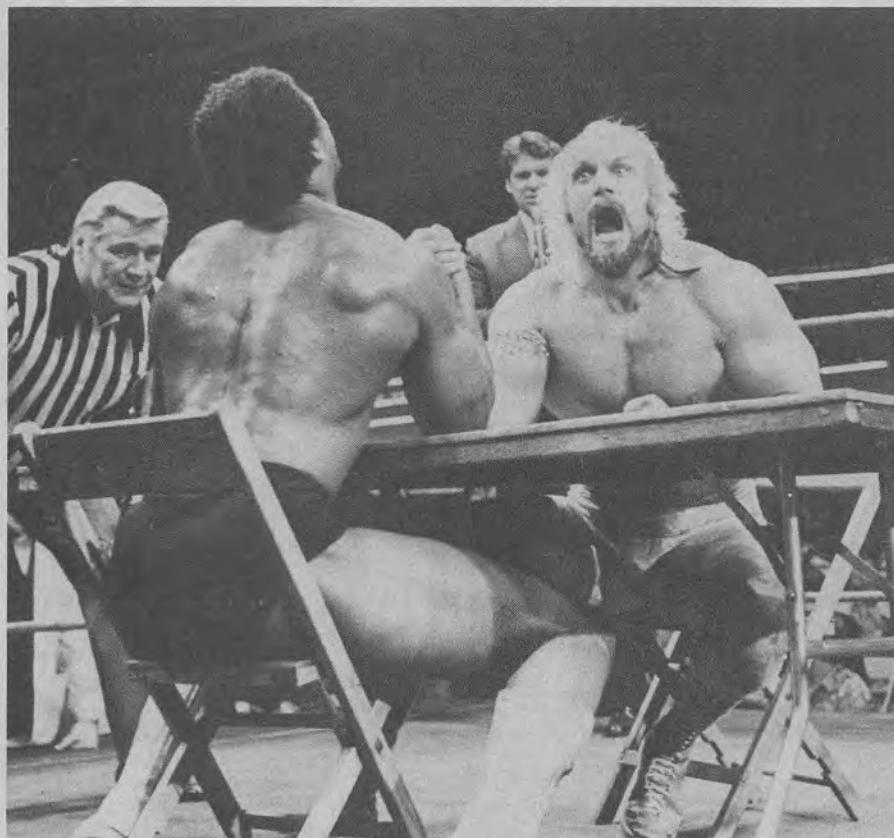
series of poses and flexes. Fans, used to seeing the awesome physique of Tony Atlas, began to jeer Ventura.

A longtime fan favorite, Atlas had no desire to seek out the fan approval he already had. Ventura felt an urgent need to take away from Atlas the approval he so vehemently craved.

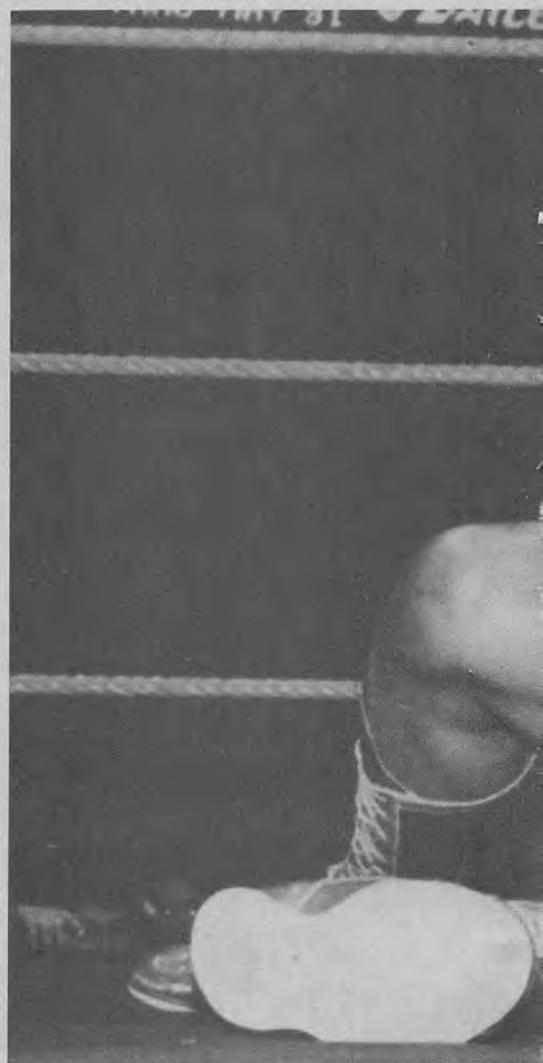
A feud is born.

Curiously enough, the early stages of the feud did not have anything to do with wrestling. The first contest between these men was purely an exhibition, and one which has rarely been seen by any mat fan.

Ventura and Atlas engaged in a "pose down" during a WWF



A horrified expression crosses Jesse Ventura's face as he realizes he is losing ground in his arm-wrestling match with Tony Atlas (above). Ventura would overturn the table and smash it across Tony's back. The grudge match saw a brutal display of sadism on the part of both men (right).



WILL EITHER MAN EVER BE THE SAME AGAIN?

telecast. Each man was to run through a series of bodybuilding poses, and the fans were to choose a winner through their applause.

Atlas scored a victory in that chapter of the feud, a victory that was clear to the fans if not convincing to Ventura. A second contest would have to be held.

Chapter two of the feud involved an arm-wrestling challenge. Again it was nationally televised. Arm-wrestling is yet another exhibition between athletes that few wrestling fans have had the

opportunity to see on a professional level.

Emotions ran high that day, and Ventura refused to begin the match, stating that he was unhappy with the way referee Pat Patterson positioned their arms on the table. Finally, as Atlas was about to bring Ventura's arm down, Ventura overturned the table and attacked Atlas with it.

Chapter three: the inevitable meeting of the musclemen within the squared circle.

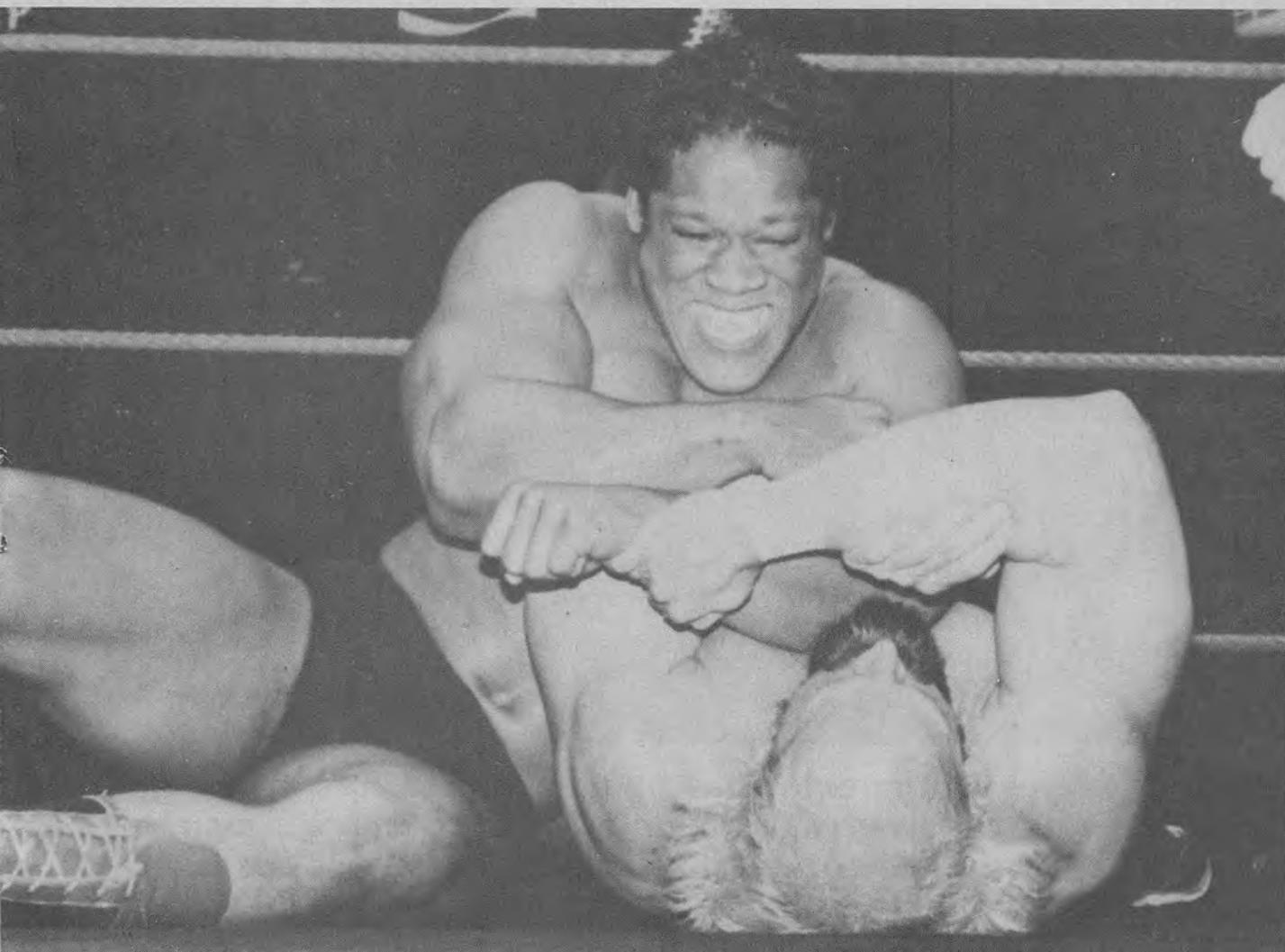
It was a question of muscle vs. muscle, and both Ventura and

Atlas were completely determined to prove to the 20,000 Madison Square Garden fans that he was entitled to the honor of being recognized as having one and only best physique in the WWF. There was much more than any title at stake here; it was a matter of the utmost personal pride.

As the opening bell sounded, the two men stalked each other with care. Finally, they locked hands, and the contest was on. Each man tested his mettle against the other and the hand-

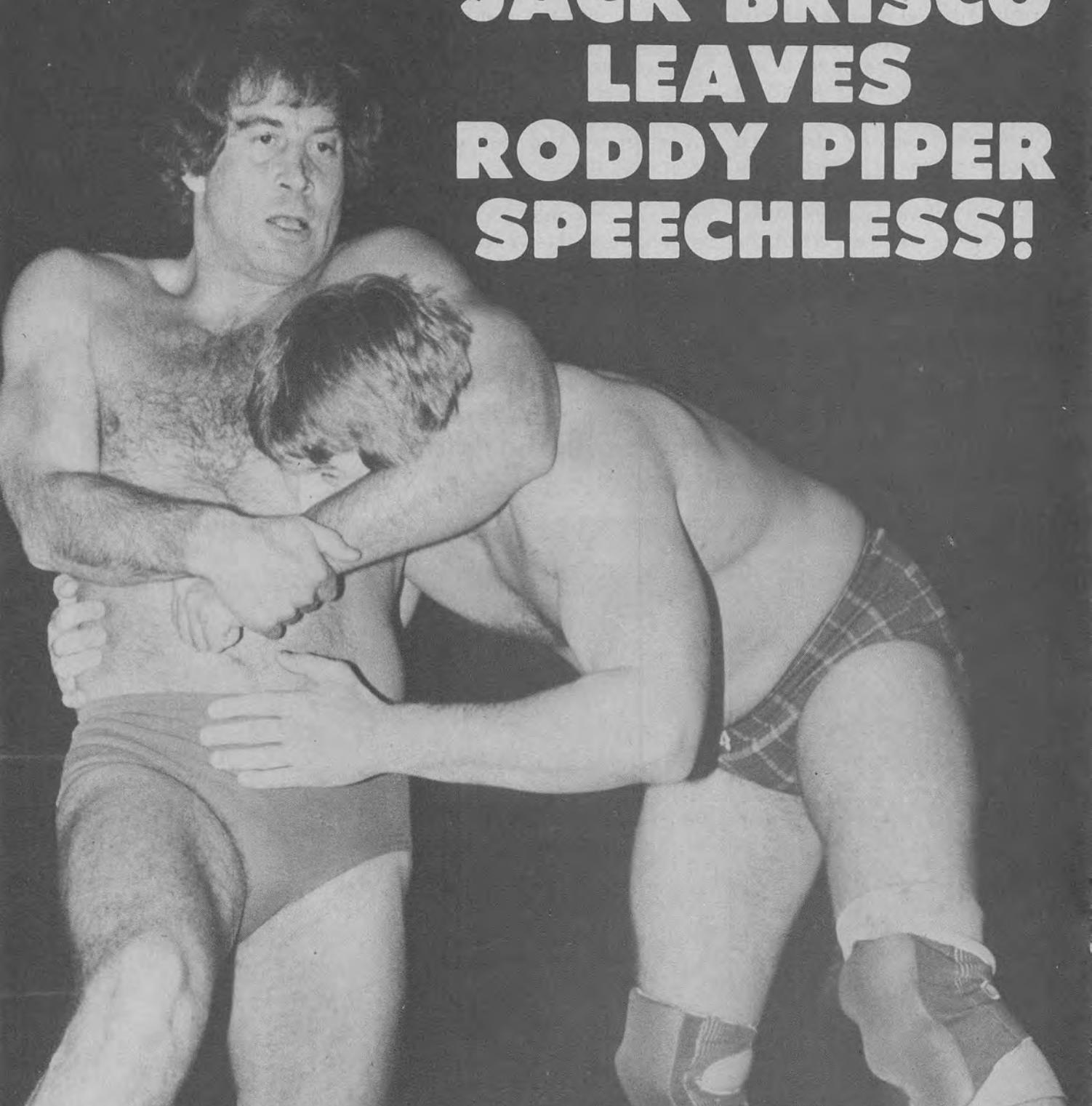
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It began with a "pose down," continued with arm-wrestling, and concluded with a test of strength unlike any the WWF has ever seen. The feud between Tony Atlas and Jesse Ventura is finally over, and its effect on both men is incalculable



The Mid-Atlantic Title Changes Hands:

**JACK BRISCO
LEAVES
RODDY PIPER
SPEECHLESS!**

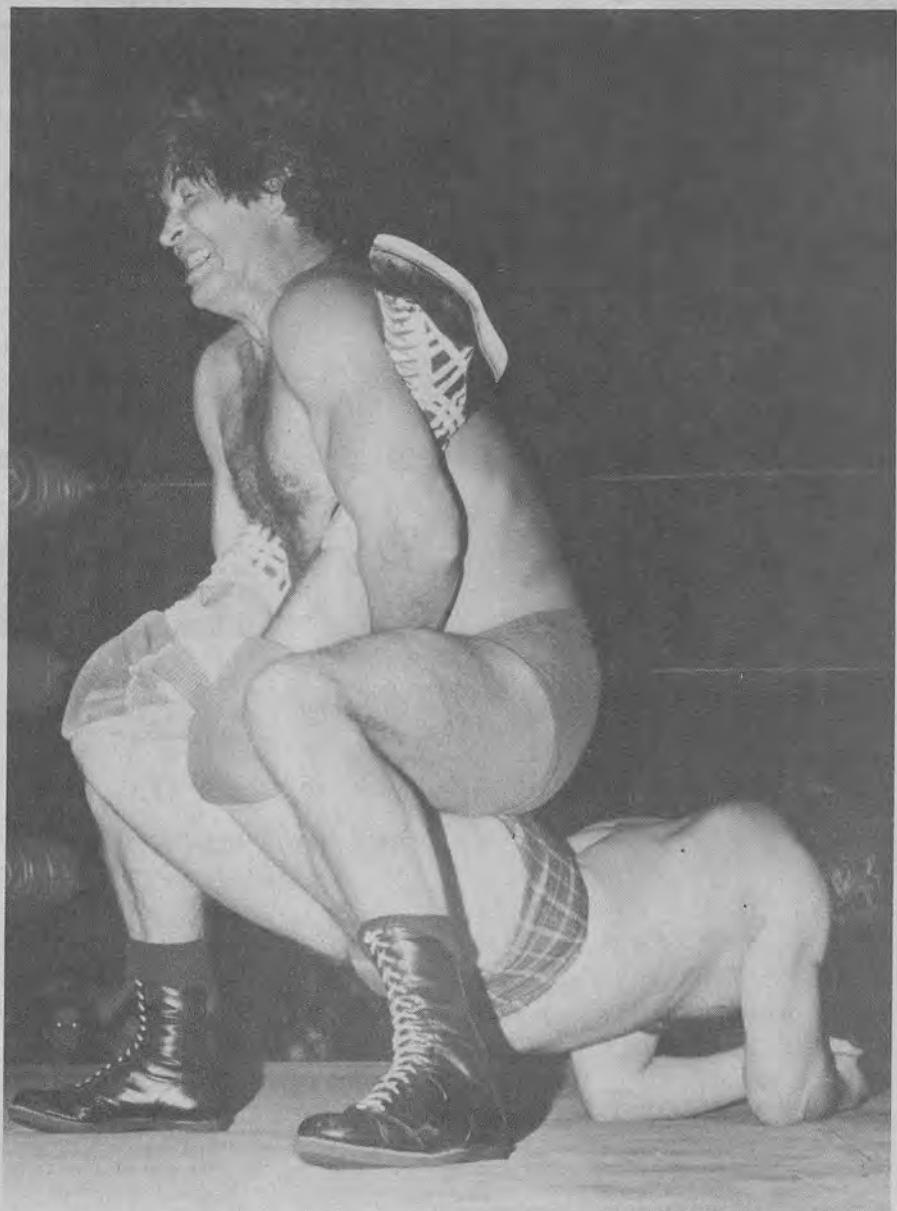


Roddy Piper continues to boast on television about how great a wrestler he is, how great a champion he is, how great a man he is. Now he's been knocked down a peg: Jack Brisco has taken the Mid-Atlantic championship away from Piper, and the rowdy Scot has nothing to say about it

JERRY BRISCO, vice president of *Georgia Championship Wrestling*, was being interviewed by host Gordon Solie. A stunned nation of wrestling fans watched their screens as Brisco made the following official proclamation concerning Roddy Piper:

"I've been trying to maintain a certain level of professionalism, and I've been trying to keep myself out of this Piper-Rich situation. But I'm telling you right now, and I'm putting Roddy Piper on notice as of this minute: If things keep going in the direction that they're going right now, something is going to have to be done about Piper, and I may have to take matters into my own hands."

Severe words, particularly from a man who has temporarily forsaken the ring in favor of his executive position. Yet where Jerry Brisco has yet to initiate a direct campaign against Piper in the ring, brother Jack Brisco seems to be doing the job for him.



Piper attempts to push out of Brisco's side headlock, but Jack's grip is too tight (left). Brisco has Piper completely bent out of shape with a Boston crab (above).

On May 10, 1982, Jack Brisco won the Mid-Atlantic title from Roddy Piper in Greenville, South Carolina.

"I didn't find Piper to be all that much trouble," said a very happy Jack Brisco following the match. "This was my second meeting with Piper, and I quickly found out that he's all talk and no action."

Piper himself wasn't very much talk, either, particularly after losing the belt. When reporters from *Inside Wrestling* attempted to interview him in his dressing room, they were greeted with a closed, locked

door. Inside the room, Piper could be heard faintly, talking to a friend, or talking to himself, but when the door was knocked upon and tested to see if it was open, a sweaty-faced Piper stuck his head out of the door, glared at the assembled reporters without saying a word, and slammed the door in their faces.

It isn't often that Roddy Piper isn't willing to talk to reporters.

Jack Brisco, on the other hand, was more than willing to talk about his newly acquired championship.

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HOTSEAT

JERRY LAWLER: “THE WORLD KNOWS I'M WRESTLING'S KING”

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED
BY BILL APTER

HE HAS PROCLAIMED himself to be the one and only “King of Wrestling.” He defends his crown and his reputation with all the fury and anger of the most important of champions. More than simply defending his own interests, he stands up for the honor of wrestling itself, having recently received worldwide publicity for twice piledriving comedian Andy Kaufman. He wrestles in Tennessee where he campaigns against Jimmy Hart and his first family of wrestling, and in Florida where he is locked in a battle with J.J. Dillon and Kendo Nagasaki. He is Jerry Lawler.

Q: As we speak, it is only days after your match with Andy Kaufman was broadcast nationwide on *Saturday Night Live*. In addition, there have been dozens and dozens of magazine and newspaper articles on that match. How do you feel about all the publicity you've been getting?

A: It's been great, Bill. For years I've been working to defend the honor of wrestling against imbeciles like Jimmy Hart and J.J. Dillon. Then this clown Kaufman comes along

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and decides to mock the sport that I've decided to devote my life to. Well, I don't stand for being made fun of, and the challenge was made and the match set. I wanted to let Kaufman put his muscle where his big mouth was. He took the whole thing as a joke, though, which burned me up

even more. He was jumping around the ring acting like a complete jackass. Well, I allowed him to put a headlock on me, but he was even afraid to do that.

Q: That was when you came in with the backdrop and the piledrivers, wasn't it?

A: Exactly. He wanted to play around, and I wanted to get down to business. I just felt that enough was enough, and that I would give that fool a taste of what wrestling is truly like. He thinks that wrestling women out of his audience on television was what the sport is all about. Well, that's like if I were to take women off the street and challenge them to a boxing match. The whole thing is ridiculous. If he was trying to prove his manhood by wrestling women, he sure has the wrong idea of what it means to be a man.

Q: Well, at least he apologized on national television.





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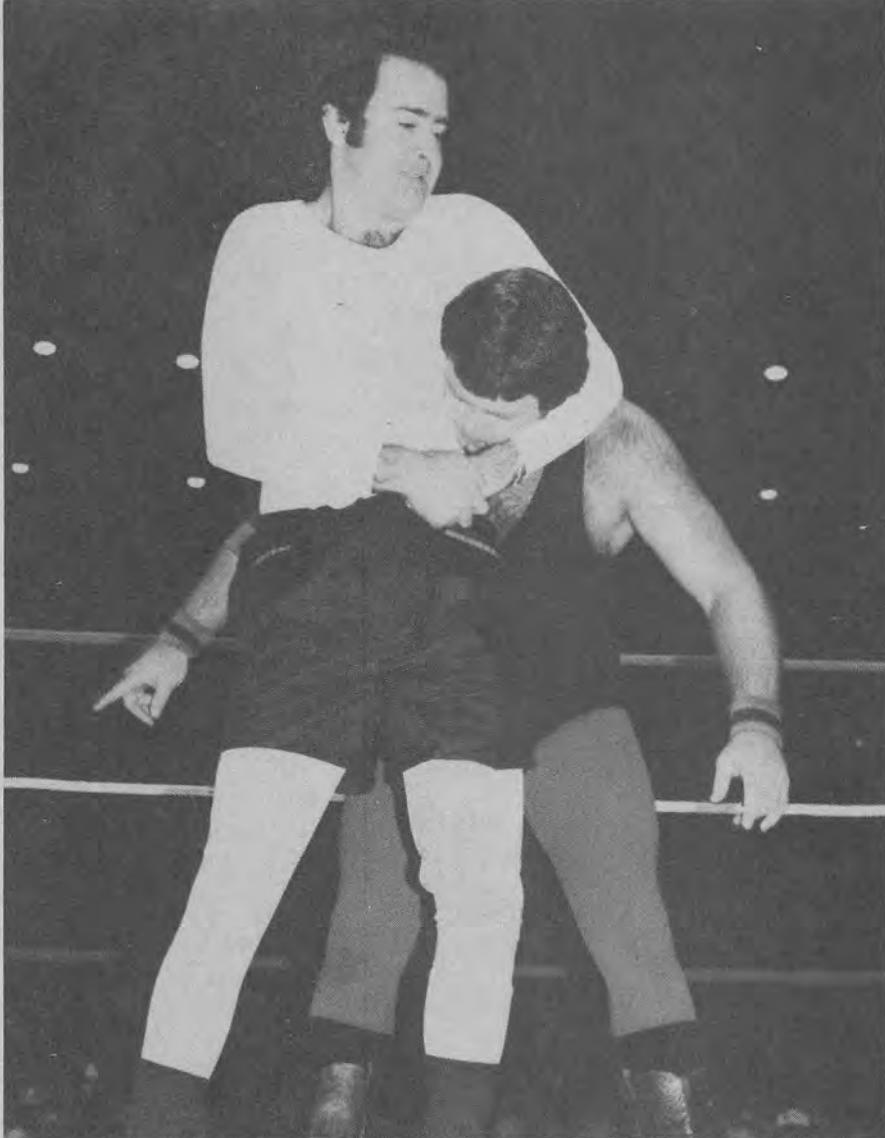
A: I suppose that's some consolation. Yeah, he apologized to all the women he's wrestled over the years, said he was sorry if he offended anybody. I guess that's a step in the right direction, but I still get a sick feeling in my gut every time I see his ugly mug plastered in a magazine or on the television.

Q: Speaking of television, why don't you tell our readers about another challenge match you've been offered?

A: Oh, that's right, I almost forgot. Tony Danza, the actor who plays the boxer-cabbie on *Taxi*, Tony Banta is the character's name, he wants to challenge me to a wrestler vs. boxer match.

Q: Do you think he would last long in the ring?

A: Well, I'm sure he would last longer than Kaufman. Danza



Lawler was intent in punishing the man he felt was degrading his sport—and he did. Lawler allows Andy Kaufman to place him in a headlock, then easily lifts the comedian in the air and throws him over his back.

was a professional boxer before he got involved with *Taxi*. He was a pretty good middleweight, and they've done a couple of episodes of the show around boxing. I'd go for a wrestler vs. boxer match if it could be set up. I think it would be a good challenge for me.

Q: It seems like you're getting more wrestling challenges lately from actors than from wrestlers!

A: Yeah, first it's Kaufman and now Danza. Maybe we'll just throw the whole *Taxi* cast into the ring and have a Battle Royal!

Q: Moving on to other subjects, I see you're tag teaming with Dutch Mantell now.

A: How about that! Dutch is a tremendous wrestler, and we really had something going there for a while.

Q: Could you fill in our readers on that situation, because it was the kind of a rivalry that's rarely seen in wrestling.

A: Sure, Bill. You see, Dutch and I got involved in a scientific feud. We weren't trying to kill each other, we weren't trying to run each other's careers into the ground, it was more of a friendly rivalry. We challenged each other with



In one of the longest running feuds of his magnificent career, Lawler tries to press Dory Funk Jr.'s shoulders to the canvas. Lawler has said that it seems like 50 percent of the times he steps into the ring, he is facing either Dory or Terry Funk.

moves and maneuvers, and the real battle came in the attempt to develop a counter-maneuver in a particular situation. It's a good feud to be involved in because it really helps to stretch your skills instead of simply allowing yourself to revert to animal killer instincts. I think that wrestling would benefit, and the fans as well would benefit, if there were more scientific feuds instead of two guys trying to kill each other all the time.

Q: How are things going in Florida?

A: Well, you already know that J.J. stole my crown, stole the crown. This is a man who should take a lesson from Dutch Mantell. I'm telling you, friendly rivalry is great, but I can easily understand why some wrestlers go off the deep end in a feuding situation. Dillon really makes

my blood boil.

Q: If you had a choice, where would you prefer to concentrate your energies, Tennessee or Florida?

A: Well, in Florida there's Dillon, a man I just mentioned, and there's his insidious charge Kendo Nagasaki. I'd like to be able to eradicate both of them from wrestling completely, but over in Tennessee there's Jimmy Hart and his first family: Dream Machine, Koko Ware, Bobby Eaton, Hart himself, and now Hussein, "Iron Sheik" Arab. There's a lot going on in wrestling that requires my attention, and unfortunately I can't be two places at once. I'm just going to have to take each match as it comes and see what happens from there.

Q: How do you answer your critics who say that your title, King of Wrestling, is simply a lot of ego?

A: Ego? Are you kidding? I didn't have to proclaim myself king of wrestling, everyone knows that! The world knows I'm wrestling's king, and the



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world knows that I'm the man who will defend the honor of the sport wherever and whenever it's necessary. I taught that lesson to Kaufman, and I'm going to make sure it's taught to Dillon, Hart, Eaton, Nagasaki, and all the rest of them.

Q: One final question, Jerry. If you could have instant revenge against any man in wrestling, who would it be?

A: That's an easy one. It would have to be J.J. Dillon. He stole my crown, he made a mockery of my reputation, he made a mockery of myself and my fans . . . and that's something no man does and gets away with. Then again, Jimmy Hart has been doing the same thing, too, mocking me. He's not about to get away with it, either. I'll make sure of that. □

NEWS FROM THE

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MIAMI, FL By Jeff Bowaren



RIC FLAIR
vs.
DUSTY RHODES



This match was a see-saw affair with both men struggling to gain an early advantage. Then, with both men bleeding heavily from cuts, Dusty was disqualified for accidentally throwing Flair over the top rope. However, the action didn't stop there as Dusty, tired of Flair's illegal tactics, took the championship belt and knocked Ric out with it. **OTHER BOUTS:** Jim Garvin defeated El Gran Apollo . . . Mr. Wrestling II and Brian Blair wrestled to a draw against Derek Draper and Hiro Matsuda . . . Terry Allen defeated Bubba Douglass.

DAYTON, OH By Randy Gilbert



RODDY PIPER
vs.
BOB ARMSTRONG



Both men attacked each other before the opening bell even rang. The first minutes of the match were more like boxing than wrestling, but soon both men were out of the ring and wrestling on the concrete floor. Piper threw Armstrong into a table, then both men were back in the ring. Piper beat Armstrong with the referee's belt, Armstrong reciprocated, and Piper took off to the dressing room.

OTHER BOUTS: Tommy Rich and Dusty Rhodes beat Super Destroyer and Kabuki . . . Bad Bad Leroy Brown defeated Big John Studd . . . Ron Bass defeated Tom Pritchard.

HARRISBURG, PA By Mark Miller



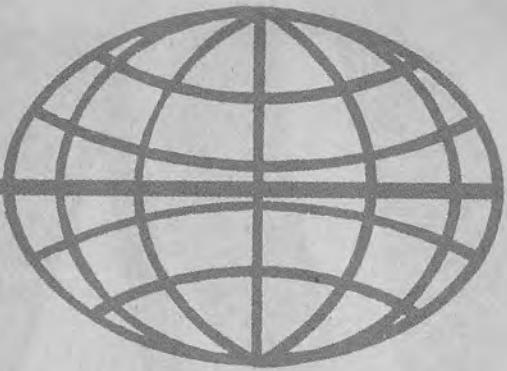
BLACKJACK MULLIGAN
vs.
ANDRE THE GIANT



The match began with some tests of strength with Andre showing clear superiority. Mulligan then applied an excruciatingly painful nervehold on the Giant. Andre had some trouble escaping as Mulligan kept pulling him down to the canvas. Then Andre finally powered his way out of the hold and took the offensive using headbutts and open fist punches. Mulligan fled to the dressing room.

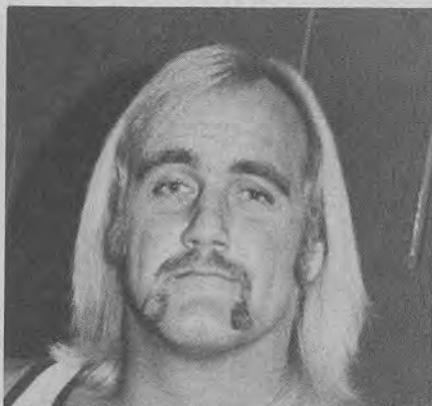
OTHER BOUTS: Rick McGraw was declared unable to continue against Greg Valentine due to excessive bleeding . . . Steve Travis defeated The Executioner.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



CHICAGO, IL

By Mark Gallo



HULK HOGAN
vs.
NICK BOCKWINKEL



In this championship rematch, Hogan looked determined to win Bockwinkel's title for once and for all. It looked like it was all over when Hogan pinned Bockwinkel and the referee counted only two, but Hogan thought it was three. Hogan grabbed the belt in victory, but went berserk when he was told he didn't win. He attacked Bockwinkel, causing the champion to bleed profusely.

OTHER BOUTS: Ken Patera defeated Spike Huber . . . Buck Zumhofe beat Bobby Heenan . . . Tito Santana and Rene Goulet wrestled to a draw.

TEMPLE, TX

By Bob Miller



KEVIN VON ERICH
vs.
THE GREAT KABUKI



When the bell rang, these two grapplers went after each other with punches, kicks, and everything else in the book. Kevin was out for revenge after Kabuki had injured his brother Kerry's leg. Kabuki sent Kevin into the ropes, ducked, and Kevin went into the referee who fell out of the ring. Kabuki used karate chops at Kevin's throat, Kevin came back, rolled Kabuki up and took the win.

OTHER BOUTS: Kerry Von Erich beat King Kong Bundy . . . Bugsy McGraw defeated Jose Lothario . . . Bill Irwin beat Alberto Madril.

NEW YORK, NY

By Maribel Antonsanti



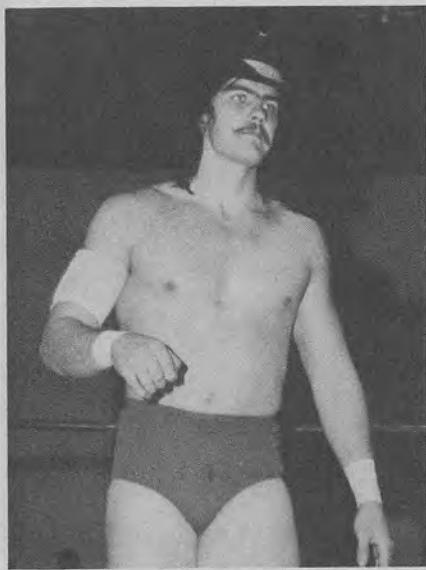
BOB BACKLUND
vs.
JIMMY SNUKA



After weakening Backlund, Snuka reached outside of the ring and attacked Arnold Skoaland with the WWF belt. Backlund went berserk, hit the referee in an attempt to get to Snuka and was disqualified. Snuka continued to attack Backlund, finishing him off with an amazing leap from the top rope. Backlund had to be carried out of the ring on a stretcher.

OTHER BOUTS: Tony Atlas defeated Jesse Ventura . . . Blackjack Mulligan beat Steve Travis . . . Cowboy Bob Orton defeated a bloody Rick McGraw.

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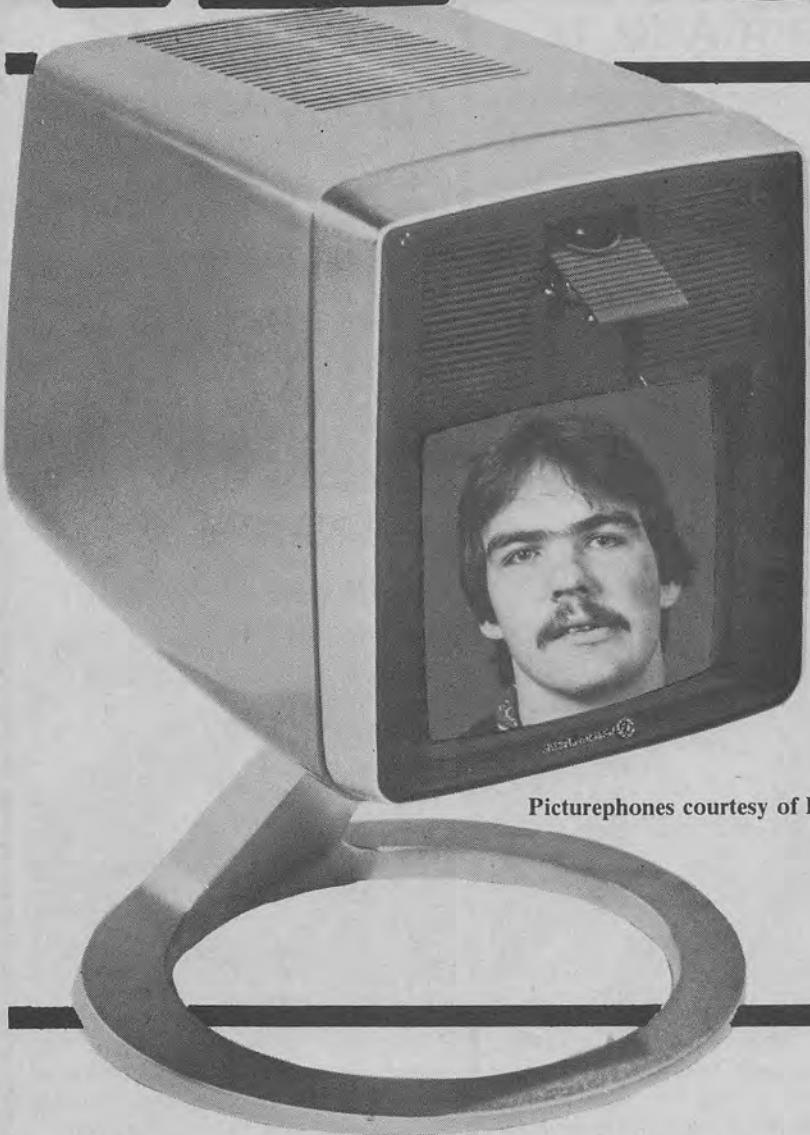
BLACKJACK MULLIGAN JR.

(The sins of the father have been visited upon the son. Blackjack Mulligan Sr. has traveled north to the WWF, adopting rulebreaking tactics in an effort to take Bob Backlund's title. His son, Blackjack Mulligan Jr., remains in the Mid-Atlantic area and continues to be a scientific wrestler. Many people assume the son will follow in his father's footsteps. At times, the son feels trusted by no one. The two discussed their feelings on "One on One.")

BLACKJACK MULLIGAN SR.:

You know I didn't mean it to be tough for you.

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BLACKJACK MULLIGAN JR.:

You knew it would be tough for me.

SR.: You had nothing to do with my decision.

JR.: Thanks. That's always nice to hear from one's father.

SR.: If you keep twisting things around, we'll get nowhere.

JR.: Look, I've twisted things

WOW ONE



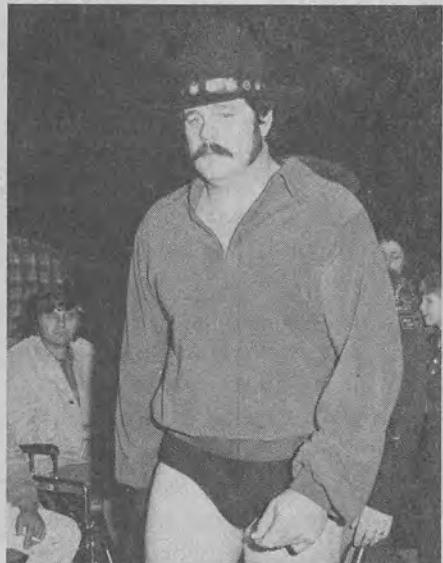
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around all my life. When you weren't home for my birthdays, I made excuses. When you weren't there when I needed a father, I made excuses. The times when you were home but brooding over a match, I made excuses. I'm not twisting anything. You have a right to go where you want, do what you want—do what you feel you

must. Just don't ask me to like it.

SR.: Look, I'm not asking you anything. I'm doing what I have to do to win the title. Even you said I should go to the WWF. That's where my big break should be.

JR.: I said that you had to do whatever you felt was necessary in order to maintain your integrity and to



BLACKJACK MULLIGAN SR.

keep your interest in wrestling alive. I guess that means becoming a rule-breaker, and I realized that at the time. I just never imagined you would be so extreme that you would have to be censored on television!

SR.: They censored me, which isn't quite the same thing as doing something that had to be censored. They purposely disgraced me. When they put that red "X" over my clawhold, no one was angrier than I was. Believe me, son, they'll pay for that.

JR.: Just look at yourself, though: You've gone so far that you're not even stopping at threatening men like Backlund and Andre, you're threatening the media who don't even have any say at all about who holds titles or who wrestles you. They

didn't disgrace you, you disgraced yourself. I realize that now, and I'm sure that the fans realize it as well.

SR.: Stop being a young chump. Backlund controls the media, just like he controls everything else in the WWF. It's the officials that he keeps in his hip pocket that ordered my being censored. Grow up, kid, it's a tough world and it'll keep getting tougher. I don't mind Backlund hitting me below the belt; I expect it. I just won't tolerate my son saying I deserved it.

JR.: I've done a lot of growing up over the past months, and a lot of it has to do with the fact that I'm happy to see that the fans realize that we are two separate and individual people. I don't share your ideas about wrestling, and I think I would have to slide back pretty far to reach your level. I realize it's a tough world out there, you've taught me that over the years, but I prefer to deal with it in a way so that I can go to sleep at night with a clear conscience. Can you say that you feel that way?

SR.: I don't sleep like a baby, which is the way you behave. As for my conscience, it's no better or worse than any other man whose had to struggle all his life. I'm not ashamed of anything I've done in my career. I've sent guys to the hospital, I've ended a couple of careers and maybe was a little rougher than I had to be. But I'm not a Boy Scout. I'm a professional wrestler. If you worry too much about what the fans say, then soon someone will be recalling how they ended *your* career.

JR.: The only one who will ever decide that my career is going to end will be me. It's not a



Blackjack Mulligan Sr. relentlessly squeezes Steve Travis' neck muscles with his immensely powerful hands. Travis happens to be a good friend of Blackjack Mulligan Jr.

decision that the fans can make, but at the least they're able to give you a perspective on your own career that you would never have if you shut them out completely. For a man who tells a grown son with his own career who's held all sorts of regional titles to "grow up," you sure have a narrow minded attitude about the sport. If you listen only to yourself, you'll never know in what direction you're going, you'll only have that one view of your career . . . and a biased view, at that.

SR.: My career, kid, put you through school and gave you everything else you enjoy. For longer than you can remember, I've taken my

lumps and made your life easy. Hell, I've never asked for thanks, but you know I helped you start your career, the one you say I don't know how to guide. Go ahead then, listen to the fans, listen to the cheers, and tell me I don't know what I'm talking about. Well, I'm going to be WWF champion. You can be popular.

JR.: I'm not worried about living with popularity so much as I'm worried about being able to live with myself. I hope that if and when you become champion, you'll be able to live with yourself and the way in which you took the belt.

SR.: Ask me about it then. Goodbye. □

BRUISER BRODY

FOR A FEW MOMENTS, consider what kind of a man would exhibit the following behavior:

While entering an arena in Japan, he rushes maniacally through the crowd, overturning chairs and fans on his way to the ring. He often brandishes a chain, swinging it in large circles over his head as the people scramble to open a pathway to the ring for him.

Those fans who are not fortunate enough to be able to get out of his way will suffer the consequences. Stories about fans being placed into hospitals for weeks at a time are commonplace.

Enraged by a referee's call during a match, he turns from his opponent and attacks the official with as much brutality and force as he reserves for the other wrestler. Several referees who work in

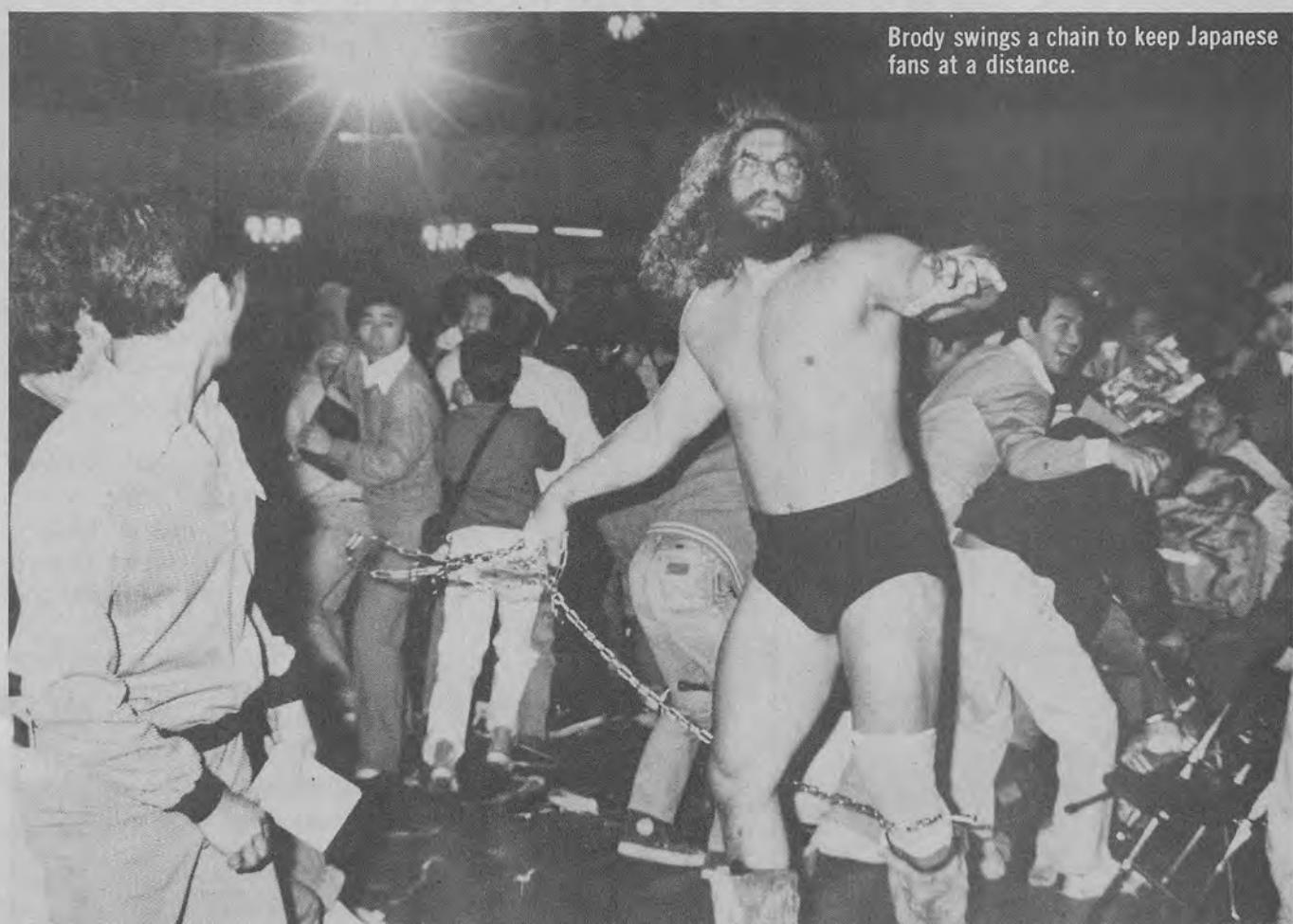
Japan have clauses written into their contracts that state clearly that they will never have to referee a match involving this man.

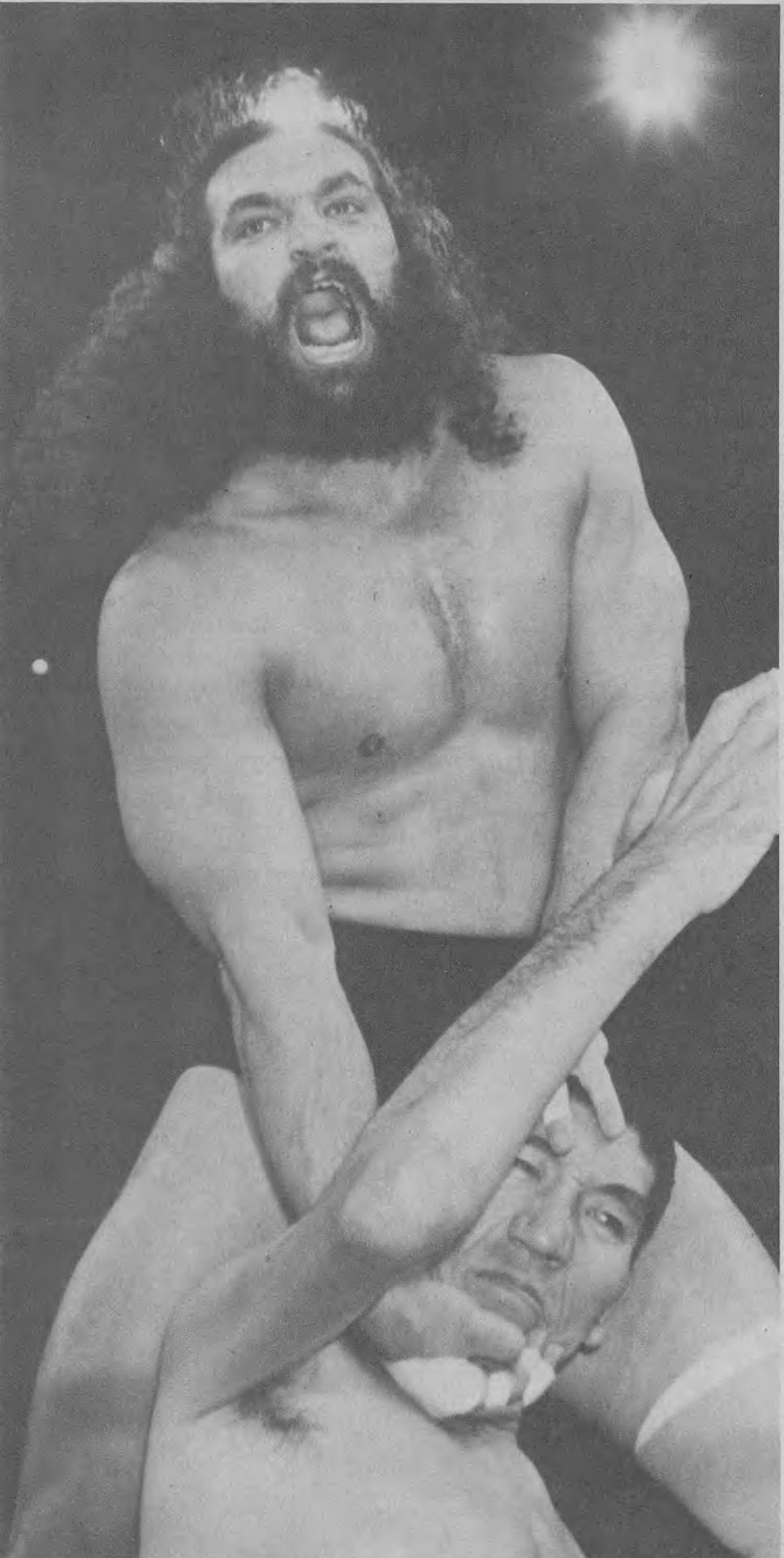
Very often, after a match is completed, even the other wrestlers in the dressing room area avoid him for fear that he might become enraged by something he sees and go off on another wrecking spree. There are many wrestlers who prefer to wait until he has left the

IS HE WRESTLING'S MOST DANGEROUS MAN

Wrestlers don't want to face him in one on one. Referees ask not to work in matches he's wrestling in. Fans are injured as he makes his way to the ring. He's been banned from most arenas in the United States. He is Bruiser Brody, and he may very well be wrestling's most dangerous man

Brody swings a chain to keep Japanese fans at a distance.





Bruiser Brody exhibits a unique brand of mayhem as he attempts to twist the head off of Pacific Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Giant Baba (left). Brody smashes Baba with a chair as the Fukuoka, Japan, fans look on (opposite page).

building before they shower and get dressed themselves.

His name is Bruiser Brody, and by many standards he is quite simply the most dangerous man in all of wrestling.

On a recent visit to Japan, Managing Editor Bill Apter had the opportunity to be at ringside during one of Brody's matches against Giant Baba. Brody wrestles most often in Japan, having been barred from many arenas in the United States, though he does wrestle on occasion in Texas.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Apter upon his return to the offices of *Inside Wrestling*. "It's just incredible. I don't know if this guy has any idea of the kind of danger he puts the fans into when he comes charging into the ring swinging a chain over his head. All I know is that he knows where he's going, and he'll do anything to get there."

Are the stories true, then, where it is said that fans have been injured by Brody as he makes his entrance to the ring?

"Absolutely," replied Apter. "On the night that I saw him wrestle Baba, he knocked one fan out of his seat with the chain and kept charging to the ring. The fan was out cold, and he required the attention of a medical team. Fortunately, he didn't have to go to the hospital."

Brody's excessively violent nature has caused him to be banned in many cities in the U.S. He has wrestled against such opponents as Ted DiBiase and Dory Funk Jr. in Japan.

"The first time I wrestled that maniac," recalls DiBiase, "I was scared as hell. I thought to myself, 'What did you get yourself into?' But as the match progressed, I saw that Brody is just bark and no bite."



"Don't get me wrong," DiBiase continued, "I'm not saying that Brody is an easy man to beat. Not by any stretch of the imagination. But what I am saying is that there are weak spots in his style, and given enough experience with the man and enough concentration during the match, I think that he can be defeated."

Dory Funk Jr. agreed with DiBiase's assessment of Brody and his rampaging style both in and out of the ring.

"It's unnerving to step into the

ring with that man," admitted Dory, "but once you get over the initial shock, you realize that Brody is just like any other man . . . a bit more crazed, that's for sure, but still a man, and any man can be defeated in the ring on any given day."

Nevertheless, there are few grapplers willing to step into the ring with Brody, and fewer still who admit to having achieved any sort of a victory, clear or otherwise, against the wildman. In many respects, to walk out of the ring

with all of one's bones still intact could be considered a major victory, indeed.

If one is to measure danger by sheer brutality, by the fear a man places in his opponents, by the raw viciousness manifested both in and out of the ring, by how extremely far the man is willing to sink in order to score a win, even to go so far as to break bones and injure ringside fans . . . then there is no doubt:

Bruiser Brody is wrestling's most dangerous man. □

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THE FANS UNDERSTAND

An open letter to Blackjack Mulligan Jr.:

We don't know if any of your other fans are going to stick by you, but we will. You've got everything it takes to be a great scientific wrestler and we don't want you to turn rulebreaker.

We understand why you told your father to do what he had to do and to go all the way. It was the right thing to do. We hope that other fans feel the same way and will continue to support you.

We want to wish you the best of luck. We love you.

SQUEAKS ROYAL
DANYLLA BAILEY
Lawton, OK

DON'T BAN HOLDS

I don't think any hold should be

banned from wrestling. Wrestling is a very tough sport and any hold should be able to be used in a match. Reader Barbara Huffine said in your July 1982 issue that the piledriver should be barred. Why? Pro wrestlers aren't sissies. They know that there is a possibility of injury and they're prepared for it. In my opinion, matches should be no holds barred to a positive finish.

ERIC WALKER
Edgewater, MD

SKILLFUL SNUKA

To Mr. Matt Brock:

I've read in your "Plain Speaking" column in *Inside Wrestling*'s May 1982 issue that you "don't think Jimmy Snuka can even come close to matching someone like Adrian Adonis, much less



Incensed by the tactics of his opponent, Sgt. Slaughter, Blackjack Mulligan Jr. bends the rules in retaliation.

Backlund himself."

Sorry, Brock, I have to disagree. I am a fan of both Adonis and Snuka (Backlund is a pansy), and I know both of their skills very



The skills of Jimmy Snuka rank favorably in comparison with those of Adrian Adonis and Bob Backlund, according to reader Danny Park.

well. Adonis can execute holds and maneuvers with more agility and poise than Superfly, but Snuka can absorb more torture than Adrian. Plus, Snuka is considerably more vicious and skillful than Adonis.

DANNY PARK
Borger, TX

RATED X

I have noticed that on television, whenever they show Black-jack Mulligan's clawhold, the producers flash a big "X" over the picture. What's the use of watching wrestling on television if you have to watch a big "X"? I admit Mulligan's a ruthless rulebreaker, but it doesn't make sense. For instance, Patterson and Slaughter battle on television, Patterson bleeds very badly, but the producers didn't "X" that out. As the saying goes, "A little blood will never hurt anyone."

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ON THE ROAD

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feel like the guy who gets to work one morning and finds out that they changed all the locks on his office door. I can't believe he didn't even bother to call me before he left. You think that's friendship? Why, that son of a . . .

There was no question that Adonis was more hurt than angry.

"What could he say to you, though?" I asked. "I mean, it had to be at least as hard for him as it's been for you. The contracts were probably all signed, and maybe he felt it would all be easier this way."

Adonis sat in silence for a few minutes. Then he spoke, his anger having abated somewhat.

"Yeah, easier," he sighed. "How easy can it be? We've been to hell and back together, and he doesn't even give me a damn phone call."

"We held the AWA tag team title, you know," Adonis said. "We beat those bums Gagne and Brunzell for the belts, and now those two goons are champs again. I'll bet if we pulled it together, we could have gone back to the AWA and won the title back."

"Even here in the WWF," Adonis continued, "we could have made a strong bid for the tag belts. Except Jesse seemed to change once we came here. He wanted to go after Backlund alone, he got himself involved in a feud with Atlas. He became strangely distant."

What Adonis was telling me seemed perfectly true. Though a championship team in the AWA, the combination of Adonis and Ventura never really seemed to be able to get off the ground in the WWF.

"Look, it's not unusual for two friends, even two people who've been friends for years and years, to drift apart from each other and

want to go their separate ways," I said. "It happens all the time."

Adonis remained silent. I wasn't telling him anything he didn't already know, and he probably didn't feel like hearing it again. I just didn't know what else to say.

Many more miles passed in silence. About 20 minutes later, the tape came to a finish, and the lack of music coupled with the lack of conversation made the pressure almost unendurable. I had to do something to crack it.

"Well, what are you going to do now?"

"I don't know," Adonis replied, "I really don't know. I suppose I could stay with Blassie here in the WWF. I don't think I could have the stomach to follow Jesse to Japan, at least not yet. Maybe I'll go over to the AWA and go after Bockwinkel. I really don't know. The options are all over the place, and I really haven't given it any thought. I guess I'll have to soon, but not yet. Not yet."

"We were a great team, a great team," Adonis said with a hint of regret in his voice. "I think we could have even been better than we were. Now, I have to reconsider my whole career. I just don't know what I'm going to do."

Adonis preferred to remain silent for the rest of the trip. I slipped another cassette into the deck and listened to Simon and Garfunkel. Up ahead, in the distance, the New York City skyline was beginning to emerge from the 4 a.m. haze. I thought about Adonis' next match in that city, his next appearance in Madison Square Garden. It was an appearance he would make all alone.

Halfway around the world, Jesse Ventura was probably experiencing the same thing. □

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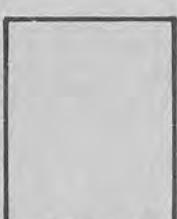
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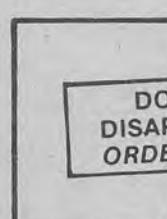


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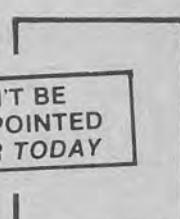


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CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING—Standing (left to right): Mark Puglio (batboy), El Gran Apollo, Terry Allen, Bubba Douglas, Brian Blair, Reggie Parks, Butch Reed. Leaning: Bill Snyder, Sweet Brown Sugar, Dusty Rhodes, Tommy Young, Jerry Lawler, Mr. Wrestling II. Sitting: Roger Strickland, Mike Graham, Frankie Lane. Front: Laura Gonzalez (batgirl).

day ahead. This was not a day to think about the Funks or the Von Erichs or Jim Dillon. Softball was the order of the day, and looking across the field, the wrestlers saw a group of men who were at least as large as the men they face in the ring—and maybe a little meaner.

The opposition was provided by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, led by Jimmie Giles, Kevin House, Neal Cozie, and Jerry Eckwood. The result (Bucs 10, Wrestlers 1) was unimportant. The fact that the game drew 4,200 spectators and raised an equal amount of dollars for a

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"There's no way you can tell me that those guys were out here to have fun and raise money," Mr. Wrestling II joked. "They remember our game in 1980 [an 11-3 victory for the wrestlers] more than they

remember last year's loss to the Cowboys in the playoffs. They were out for blood. Right, Bubba?"

"Hey, II," Brian Blair shouted. "Ya didn't look too good in the field today. Maybe ya should get out of this sport while your chin is in one piece."

"There's nothing wrong with my fielding," II snapped back. "My biggest problem was that my baseball cap kept sliding down my mask in front of my eyes."

Everyone broke up with that line. Nobody even pointed out that Wrestling II wasn't even wearing a cap. It was that kind of day. "Everybody here is in good spirits because they feel they've done something for the kids, for the community," Douglas said. "Ya know, as wrestlers we depend on the community for our living. Face it, if the people didn't come out to the matches, there would be no matches. This is an opportunity for us to say thank you to the people who support us. It felt great to see all those people in the stands. Even when it was raining, nobody seemed to care."

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They never have to fear this mewling coward will become his own man.

Secondly, other "scientific" wrestlers know that Backlund as champion is good for them. First, they realize they will never have to wrestle a real athlete for the title. During the fabulous reign of Billy Graham, scientific wrestlers were falling like flies. Who can forget the series of humiliations suffered by Ivan Putski? Putski can't, and neither can the WWF czars.

It is no accident, therefore, that Backlund won his title on an officiating "error." As everyone has conveniently forgotten, Graham's foot was on the rope when he appeared to be pinned by Backlund. Of course, the referee claims he never saw it. That was the most carefully planned error in history. The referee, under instructions from the WWF, took the first opportunity to give Backlund the belt. Backlund knew he could do anything and get away with it. The only one not in on this ugly scheme was Graham, who found out soon enough.

Since then, Backlund's title has been protected more carefully than an endangered species. It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to notice how many scientific wrestlers have volunteered to be special referees for Backlund's



Blackjack Mulligan recently joined the list of wrestlers who were cheated out of the WWF championship. To add insult, the cowardly "champion" slams the belt into Mulligan's head.

matches. They all have a stake in making sure Backlund keeps his belt. None of them want to be humiliated in the harsh spotlight of a title match as Putski was so often humiliated against Graham. It's no surprise that one of the most frequent special referees is the very same Putski.

Yet, as I said before, you can't fool all the people all the time. I remember when I first started writing about the Backlund disgrace, most of my mail was from people defending the punk. Now, more and more people are writing to agree with me. It does this aging reporter good to know that

finally the fans are able to see the obvious. So I'll keep writing these columns, hoping to add my voice to the many others condemning Backlund and the WWF.

However, when this sorry chapter of wrestling history is recorded, it will be noted that some of the bravest men in wrestling history chose to wrestle Backlund against the overwhelming odds. Men like Greg Valentine, Adrian Adonis, King Kong Mosca, and Sgt. Slaughter took the challenge because they believed the sport deserved a real champion. So they took the matches with the crooked referees, with the officials against them, and for the most part, with fans booing them. They knew if the fans saw enough of the Backlund conspiracy, they would be disgusted. They didn't try to win the title for themselves, but for their sport. Like brave warriors risking their lives so others might live, these men have earned an honored place in wrestling.

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RUMOR: The Grand Wizard of wrestling will soon combine two of his strongest wrestlers, Greg Valentine and Cowboy Bob Orton, into a tag team and make a run for the WWF tag belts.

FACT: "I don't have any definite plans right now," said

idea. It's a good one, I'll have to admit, and I'm going to give it some thought."

INJURY REPORT

QUICKDRAW RICK McGRAW, who, along with STEVE TRAVIS comprises the tag team of The Carolina Connection, recently needed 18 stitches to close a grisly wound in his forehead inflicted during a match with COWBOY BOB ORTON. McGraw, who has been healing slowly, continues to wrestle during his recovery, occasionally opening the wound during a match and requiring additional treatment.

MR. WRESTLING II has been suffering from a severe rash underneath his mask. Wrestling II's dermatologist has diagnosed the problem as a temporary case of psoriasis. "It only lasts a couple of weeks," said II, "and then my doctor says it will be gone. It's annoying as anything, though, when I wrestle. It's an occupational hazard of wearing a mask, I suppose." □



The Grand Wizard never considered teaming Cowboy Bob Orton with Greg Valentine until he heard "The Insider's" rumor. The combination of these vicious rulebreakers now looms as a distinct possibility.

the Wizard, "and to tell you the truth, I've been involved in many other projects, so I haven't really considered that



A badly cut Rick McGraw slumps against the ropes during his brawl with Orton.

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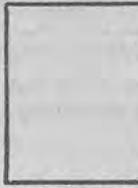
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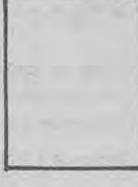
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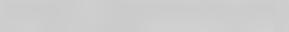
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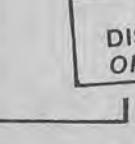
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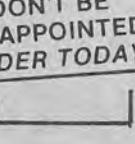
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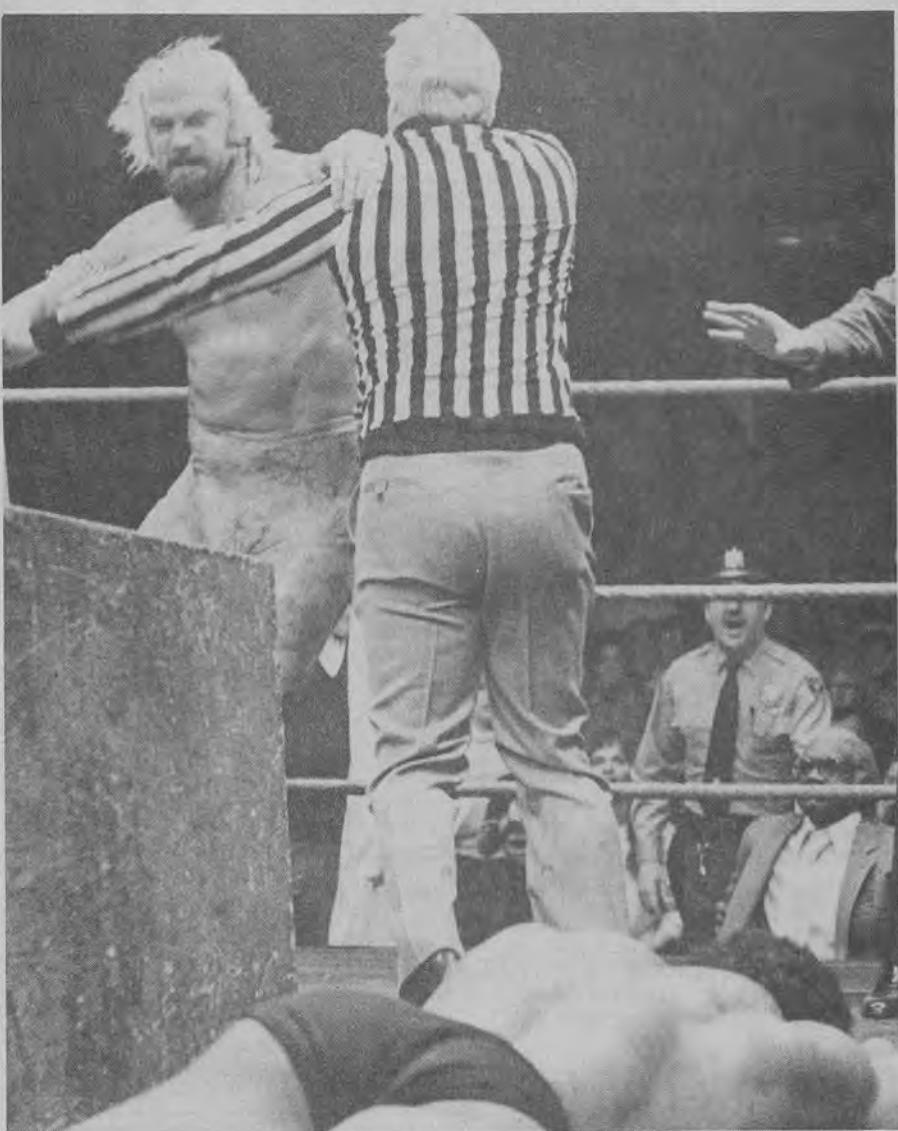
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Tony Atlas Conquers Jesse Ventura

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on his face. Ventura was enraged . . . but then again, he was enraged at each one of his earlier meetings with Atlas, so why should this be any different?

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For Jesse Ventura, the effect is incalculable. He refused to comment after the match and has gone into seclusion before his scheduled appearance in Japan. The nickname of Jesse "The Half-Body" Ventura will no doubt continue to haunt him.

For Tony Atlas, the feud has



Ventura lifts Atlas in the air and drops him tailbone-first across his knee. Both men gave their all throughout the match, and it is unknown whether they will be able to fully recover.

brought out qualities in him that until now have never been seen. There are few fans who can honestly say that they would have thought Atlas capable of such fury and anger prior to his meetings with Ventura, but this other side of Atlas has now been revealed.

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BRISCO - PIPER

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Even Piper's illegal tactics (above) could not stop his challenger's momentum for a sustained period. A weakened Piper cannot find his way out of Brisco's headlock (opposite page).

"Piper is nothing but a lot of hot air," said the former NWA champion with a wide grin across his face. "What he does is talk up a good streak, but when it comes time to prove himself in the ring, he just can't do it."

"As you know," Brisco continued, "I've wrestled Piper before I took the belt from him. Well, the first match was simply a learning process. I don't expect that any challenger to a title can defeat the champion without having met him in the ring before. I'm sure it's happened, but I'll be willing to bet a month's earnings that it's the exception and not the rule."

"Anyway, the first match with Piper taught me exactly what he's all about," said Brisco. "He's about as effective a wrestler as he is a bagpipe player . . . he stinks at both! I learned from our first match that his moves are so predictable and

he's a lousy ring tactician. I knew that when I met him in the ring again, taking the title away from him would be a snap."

"The hardest part," admitted Brisco, "was making sure that the snake didn't get himself disqualified so that he could keep his precious belt. As long as I was able to do that, I knew I had the championship won."

Along with speaking about the title match, Jack Brisco was anxious to talk about the general situation in Georgia.

"I'm glad to see that my brother has come out in public against Piper," said Jack. "I saw what Piper did to Tommy Rich on television, and I think that an attack like that, causing the damage to Tommy's hand that he did, demands that a proper response be made."

"I know that Jerry is ready to jump back into action himself, and this is a drastic move on his part," explained Jack, "because



I am very familiar with his position as vice president of *Georgia Championship Wrestling*, and I know how busy he is with the obligations of that position.

"The situation in Georgia is getting completely out of hand," Jack continued, "and the whole problem is Roddy Piper. I am glad to be the one to have knocked him down a few pegs and taken his title away. I'm also glad to see Jerry offer the approval of *Georgia Championship Wrestling* to Tommy Rich to wrestle Piper anytime, anywhere, with a cast on his arm.

"I would dearly love to see Piper get his comeuppance at the hand of Tommy Rich . . . literally!" said Jack with a laugh.

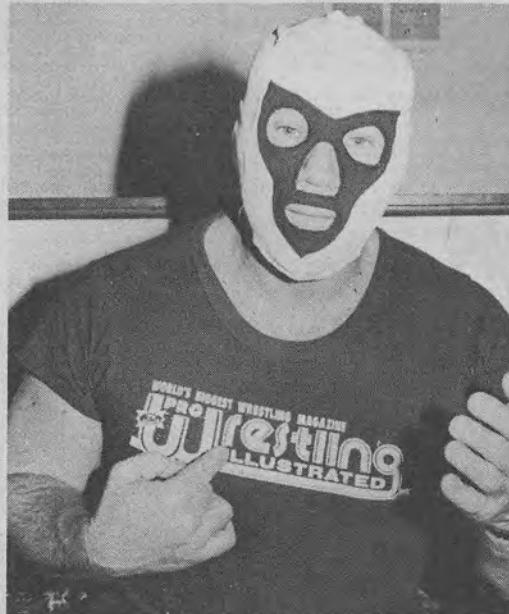
When asked about the future of the Mid-Atlantic title, Brisco was quite practical.

"I'm just going to take each title challenge one at a time as they come," Jack explained. "I fully expect Roddy Piper to come along and demand a rematch, but he will have to stand in line, because there are a lot more worthy opponents to take care of first."

"And when that rematch finally does happen," said Jack, "I don't expect Piper to give me any more trouble than he did before . . . and that amounts to no trouble at all!" □

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